

ROMBLON STATE UNIVERSITY SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

2024





Romblon State University (RSU), a research-based academic institution, is dedicated to accomplishing its objective of serving with honor and excellence while also cultivating a globally competitive workforce for sustainable development. RSU declares its continuous support and commitment to the accomplishment of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Our institution is motivated by the incorporation of SDGs into the curriculum, research endeavors, and community participation initiatives.

In line with its support to the achievement of UN SDGs, RSU continues to actively collaborate with local and international stakeholders through the Office of International Relations, Research Extension Development and Innovation Unit, and various advocacy and extension programs.

Our support extends beyond the campus as we strive to create a sustainable future for our local community, our nation, and the world. We will continue to serve with honor and excellence as we establish programs, policies, and coordinated activities in accordance with the UN SDGs, aiming for a globally competitive workforce and a sustainable future.



DR. MERIAN P. CATAJAY-MANI, CESE
University President

A black ink signature of Dr. Merian P. Catajay-Mani, which reads "Merian P. Catajay-Mani".

**1 NO
POVERTY**



SDG 1 NO POVERTY

RSU is committed to eradicating poverty in our communities by providing inclusive, equitable education and fostering local entrepreneurship, ensuring that all students and stakeholders have access to the resources and opportunities needed to thrive.



INSTRUCTION

Fundraising for a PWD alumnus facing socioeconomic challenges

On September 16, 2024, the screening of "Skeytbord" served not only as an instructional and cultural activity but also as a heartfelt fundraising initiative for a PWD alumnus facing financial challenges. By rallying support from the RSU community, the event offered meaningful assistance to someone in a vulnerable situation and highlighted the power of collective compassion. This initiative demonstrated how educational events can create real social impact by combining storytelling, awareness, and community support. It encouraged students and faculty to reflect on resilience, empathy, and the importance of uplifting individuals who face barriers due to disability or economic hardship, strengthening RSU's culture of inclusivity and meaningful engagement.

ADMINISTRATION

RSU Administration Delivers Gift-Giving Support to Persons Deprived of Liberty

The "Pantry: Kapwa ko, Mahal ko" Gift-Giving Program held on September 20, 2024 showcased the strong leadership and compassion of the RSU administration. Through coordinated efforts of university officials, faculty, and staff, RSU extended essential goods, wellness support, and uplifting messages to Persons Deprived of Liberty at the Odiongan District Jail. This initiative demonstrated the administration's commitment to inclusive service and meaningful outreach to vulnerable groups.

The program highlighted RSU's capacity to mobilize resources, collaborate with partner agencies, and deliver community support with empathy and dignity. By providing material assistance and conducting wellness discussions, the administration reinforced its role in fostering hope, resilience, and humane care within the broader Romblon community.



20 SEPTEMBER 2024

RSU-College of Arts and Sciences



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RESEARCH

RSU Utility Model Registrations Boost Livelihood Solutions for Farmers and Micro-Entrepreneurs

The registration of RSU's new utility models strengthens the university's role in promoting technologies that uplift local livelihoods and support income-generating opportunities. The Rice Field Paddies Water Level Monitoring Apparatus offers small-scale farmers a practical tool to improve productivity and reduce risks in rice production, helping stabilize earnings in rural communities. Meanwhile, the Method of Producing Herbal Candy presents a simple yet marketable innovation that can be adopted by micro-enterprises, women's groups, and local producers seeking additional income sources. By opening these technologies for commercialization and community use, RSU contributes to expanding economic opportunities and supporting efforts that reduce the financial vulnerability of households.

COMMUNITY

YAPAK: Tsinelas para sa Lahat – Uplifting Young Learners Through Compassion and Community Support

On April 24, 2024, the RSU NSTP Clusters 1, 2, 5, and 22 implemented YAPAK: Tsinelas para sa Lahat, a heartfelt shoe distribution activity at Gabawan Elementary School. By providing footwear to learners from low-income households, the initiative directly advanced SDG 1: No Poverty, reducing financial challenges for families and supporting students' comfort and safety in attending school. With the support of local leaders, school administrators, and community partners, this initiative reflects RSU's strong commitment to uplifting vulnerable groups and promoting inclusive community development. Through simple yet impactful acts of generosity, the university continues to help build a future where no learner is left behind.



2 ZERO HUNGER



SDG 2 ZERO HUNGER

RSU strives to contribute to food security by advancing sustainable agricultural practices, promoting nutrition education, and supporting research that improves food production systems for the local and global community.

INSTRUCTION

RSU forges International Partnership with Dalhousie University to Advance Smart Agriculture

Romblon State University strengthened its commitment to SDG 2 through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with Dalhousie University – Faculty of Agriculture on July 19, 2024. The partnership aims to advance smart agriculture initiatives, integrating technology-driven approaches that enhance productivity, sustainability, and food security across the province of Romblon. By leveraging international expertise, RSU is positioning itself as a leader in modern agricultural innovation in MIMAROPA.

This collaboration expands RSU's capability to support local farmers and communities through research, training, and the development of resilient agricultural practices. Through this international agreement, RSU deepens its role in promoting sustainable food systems and empowering agricultural stakeholders—demonstrating how global partnerships can generate meaningful local impact in the pursuit of Zero Hunger.



SAAD MIMAROPA

895 farmers in MIMAROPA receive MAED Training from SAAD, RSU, and F2C2

MIMAROPA Region, October 3, 2024 – The Department of Agriculture – Special Area for Agricultural Development (DA – SAAD) MIMAROPA, in partnership with Romblon State University (RSU) and the Farm and Fisheries Clustering and Consolidation (F2C2) MIMAROPA, trained 895 farmers across the region through a series of Marketing Assistance and Enterprise Development (MAED) workshops.

ADMINISTRATION

RSU Strengthens Farmer Capacity through Enterprise Development Training with DA-SAAD and F2C2

Romblon State University showed strong administrative leadership in advancing SDG 2 through its partnership with DA-SAAD MIMAROPA and F2C2 MIMAROPA for the Marketing Assistance and Enterprise Development workshops. Conducted on October 3, 2024, the initiative equipped 895 farmers with essential skills in marketing, enterprise development, and organizational management to strengthen their agricultural operations.

By coordinating inter-agency efforts and mobilizing institutional support, RSU helped farmers improve production systems, expand market access, and move toward sustainable community-based enterprises. This collaborative effort reflects RSU's commitment to food security and rural development across the region.

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RESEARCH

RSU Research Experts Lead Capability-Building for Organic Farming Development

Romblon State University advanced its research engagement under SDG 2 by conducting a capability-building training for the Toctoc Organic Farmers Association on October 8, 2024 in partnership with the SAAD Program Phase 2. The sessions delivered by RSU experts were grounded in research-based practices on organizational management, strategic planning, and sustainable agricultural development, enabling farmers to analyze production challenges and apply evidence-informed solutions.

Through this initiative, RSU translated academic knowledge and research outputs into practical capacity-building for local farmers. By integrating research concepts into training activities, the university strengthened the ability of agricultural communities to adopt improved systems, enhance productivity, and support long-term food security in the region.

COMMUNITY

RSU Strengthens Community Resilience Through Food and Emergency Support

RSU strengthened its community support efforts through the “Pagdamay sa Kapwa” activity held on September 12, 2024, providing grocery packages, rice bags, and financial assistance to families affected by flooding. This initiative ensured immediate food relief and supported the recovery of vulnerable households. The program also included flood preparedness briefings and an empathy circle session, highlighting RSU’s commitment to community resilience and compassionate response. Through this effort, the university contributed to improving food security and supporting families during a critical time.



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



SDG 3 Good Health & Well-being

RSU is dedicated to promoting health and well-being through comprehensive education, research in health sciences, and community engagement, ensuring access to quality health services and fostering healthier lifestyles.

INSTRUCTION

RSU Hosts Symposium on Adolescent Health for World Population Day

Romblon State University advanced its commitment to SDG 3 by hosting the “Ang Paglalakbay ng Isang Batang Ina” symposium in celebration of World Population Day on July 11, 2024. The activity brought together medical experts who discussed adolescent health, reproductive rights, and the rising concerns surrounding early pregnancy. Their insights helped equip young participants with accurate information to support healthier life choices and improved well-being. Organized by the RSU Health Services Unit, the event emphasized the university’s dedication to protecting youth health, promoting informed decision-making, and advocating for reproductive rights. Through this initiative, RSU fostered greater awareness, encouraged preventive health behaviors, and strengthened community support for adolescents.



ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Mani Inspires MHRDC Management Committees at Q4 Meeting

Romblon State University strengthened its commitment to SDG 3 with the groundbreaking of the new Health and Wellness Building, alongside the CEAT Building and Learning Resource Center, on September 9, 2024. Led by the university’s top officials, the ceremony marked RSU’s continued investment in infrastructure that supports student well-being, access to health services, and a safe learning environment. Through this administrative initiative, RSU is expanding its capacity to provide quality health programs, wellness services, and supportive facilities for its academic community. The development of these buildings reflects RSU’s dedication to promoting holistic well-being and ensuring that health remains at the center of its institutional priorities.

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RESEARCH

RSU Develops Research-Based Portable Device for Hyperhidrosis Relief

Romblon State University advanced its health research initiatives under SDG 3 through the development of the HULAS-LUNAS TECH: Portable Iontophoresis Apparatus, an innovative device designed to treat hyperhidrosis of the hands and feet. Backed by research trials showing 88.89 percent effectiveness within 2 to 4 weeks, the project demonstrates RSU's commitment to producing scientifically validated solutions that improve comfort, confidence, and quality of life. Protected by both Industrial Design and Utility Model registrations, the device reflects RSU's growing capacity for health-centered R&D and technology innovation. By translating research into practical tools that address real medical needs, the university contributes meaningfully to advancing good health, well-being, and accessible therapeutic options for the community.



COMMUNITY

RSU Community Blood Drive Supports Regional Health Needs

Romblon State University strengthened its commitment to SDG 3 through a community blood donation drive held on October 3, 2024, in partnership with local health agencies. The activity collected 31 bags of blood from students, staff, and President Merian P. Catajay-Mani, helping sustain the region's vital blood supply. With medical professionals from the Red Cross, RHU, PHO, DOH, and other partners ensuring safe procedures, the initiative showcased RSU's dedication to public health, volunteerism, and community well-being. As a quarterly program, the blood drive continues to support life-saving medical needs across the province.

4 QUALITY EDUCATION



SDG 4 Quality Education

RSU commits to providing quality, inclusive, and equitable education that empowers learners of all ages, fostering innovation, critical thinking, and the skills needed to address local and global challenges.



INSTRUCTION

RSU Advances Instruction through GCED Benchmarking with Bicol University

Romblon State University strengthened its SDG 4 initiatives through an online benchmarking activity on Global Citizenship Education (GCED) with Bicol University on July 11, 2024. Spearheaded by the Office of the Dean of Instruction, the session focused on integrating GCED principles into curriculum, pedagogy, student activities, research, and extension services. The activity brought together faculty, officials, and students to learn innovative strategies that promote global awareness, inclusivity, and international understanding in higher education. Through this collaboration, RSU enhanced instructional practices and reinforced its commitment to shaping learners into active, responsible, and globally engaged citizens.



ADMINISTRATION

RSU Showcases Educational Innovation at the WURI 2024 Global Summit

Romblon State University strengthened its SDG 4 commitment by participating in the World University Ranking for Innovation (WURI) Global Conference held on September 24–25, 2024, in Seoul, South Korea. RSU's top officials engaged in global discussions on educational innovation and shared best practices with leading universities worldwide. The delegation presented two internationally ranked programs, Project RAISE and MEDIA CAMP, which helped secure RSU's strong national and global placements, including ranking 261st worldwide. Through this participation, RSU reinforced its dedication to educational excellence, global collaboration, and future-ready academic services.

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SDG 4

Quality Education

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RESEARCH

RSU earns Best Paper and Best Presenter Awards in International Education Research Conference

Romblon State University strengthened its SDG 4 research commitments through the outstanding achievements of Dr. Garry Vanz Blancia at the 15th International Conference on Education, Environment, and Agriculture held on October 17-18, 2024. His study on AI literacy, computational thinking, and organizational agility earned both Best Presenter and Best Paper awards in the Education category.

This recognition highlights RSU's growing leadership in educational research and innovation, demonstrating the university's contribution to advancing knowledge, promoting digital skills, and supporting high-quality, future-ready education.

Congratulations!

DR. GARRY VANZ V. BLANCIA
Faculty, CED / Director for RDI
Co-authors: Dr. Eddie G. Fetalvero, Dr. Philip Baldera, Dr. Merian P. Catajay-Mani

BEST PRESENTER & BEST PAPER
(Education Category)

The Mediating Effects of Artificial Intelligence Literacy on the Relationship between Computational Thinking Skills and Organizational Agility Among Secondary Teachers

during the
5th International Conference on
Education, Environment, and
Agriculture
held on
October 17-18, 2024
at
Alvaro Rabina Hall, Central Bicol
State University of Agriculture,
Pili, Camarines Sur, Philippines



COMMUNITY

RSU and DOLE Partner to Support Students through SPES Orientation

Romblon State University advanced its SDG 4 initiatives by partnering with the Department of Labor and Employment to implement the Special Program for Employment of Students (SPES). Through the orientation held on June 18, 2024, financially challenged students were introduced to employment opportunities that help them earn income and sustain their educational needs. The program provided valuable work experience, strengthened students' financial stability, and reinforced RSU's commitment to supporting equitable access to quality education. By working closely with DOLE, RSU continues to promote student empowerment, community collaboration, and opportunities that enable learners to thrive.

5**GENDER EQUALITY**

SDG 5 **Gender Equality**

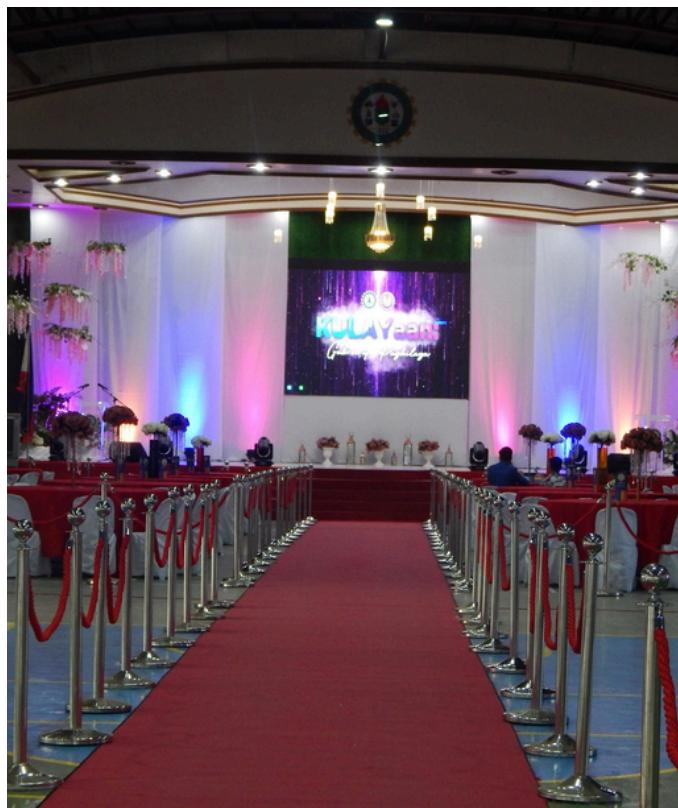
RSU is committed to fostering an inclusive academic and social environment that promotes equal opportunities, empowerment, and the active participation of all genders in leadership, decision-making, and educational opportunities.



INSTRUCTION

RSU Advances Gender-Responsive Instruction through Hybrid GAD Orientation

Romblon State University strengthened its SDG 5 Instruction initiatives by hosting a hybrid orientation on October 11, 2024, focused on integrating CHED Memorandum Order No. 1 s. 2015 into academic programs. The session gathered faculty and administrators to deepen their understanding of gender-fair language, gender-sensitive teaching strategies, and the inclusion of GAD principles in syllabi and instructional materials. With insights from CHED MIMAROPA and RSU resource speakers, the activity enhanced faculty capacity to deliver inclusive and equitable instruction. This milestone reflects RSU's commitment to gender-responsive education and its continued effort to foster learning environments that uphold equality, respect, and empowerment.



ADMINISTRATION

RSU Elevates Gender Inclusivity Through “Kulayaan: Gabi it Pagkilaya” Recognition Event

Romblon State University advanced its SDG 5 administrative commitments by hosting “Kulayaan: Gabi it Pagkilaya” on March 21, 2024, the university's first formal recognition program honoring outstanding members of the LGBTQ+ community. Organized by the Gender and Development Office, the event gathered university leaders, GAD advocates, and local officials to celebrate achievements across public service, education, youth leadership, sports, arts, and media. Through speeches of solidarity, cultural performances, and an awards ceremony led by President Merian P. Catajay-Mani, RSU underscored its institutional dedication to equality, safe spaces, and inclusive governance. With Kulayaan now declared an annual tradition, RSU strengthens its administrative commitment to gender-responsive policies and a culture that uplifts and empowers all identities.

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RESEARCH

RSU Conducts Needs Assessment and Exploratory Meeting with Panagintingan and Layag IP Communities

Organized by the RSU Extension Services and Community Engagement Office (ESCEO), in partnership with the Gender and Development (GAD) Office and RSU Cajidiocan and San Fernando Campus, a four-day Needs Assessment and Exploratory Meeting with the Panagintingan and Layag Indigenous Peoples communities was held on November 19–22, 2024. The activity gathered around 75 community members and 20 IP leaders to systematically assess their current conditions, challenges, available resources, and priority needs. Through guided discussions and participatory data gathering, the team identified key issues and potential interventions that will inform evidence-based planning under the UNI-CESSS v.2 program. This initiative strengthens RSU's commitment to inclusive, community-driven development and supports the formulation of research-backed programs that uphold gender sensitivity, cultural respect, and sustainable progress.



COMMUNITY

RSU Promotes Awareness on HIV, STI Prevention, and Violence Against Women Through Joint Campaign

RSU strengthened its advocacy for gender equality and safety through a Joint Awareness Campaign on HIV/AIDS and Violence Against Women on December 6. Over 580 students and staff learned about HIV prevention, reproductive health, VAWC laws, and the forms of abuse affecting women and youth. The activity, led by the Health Services Office with support from RHU, GCSO, and GAD, highlighted RSU's commitment to building an informed, protected, and gender-responsive community. This initiative reinforces the university's mission to empower students through awareness, protection, and responsible decision-making.

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



SDG 6

Clean Water and Sanitation

RSU ensures that our research, education, and community outreach programs promote sustainable water management and access to clean water and sanitation for all, addressing both local and global challenges.

INSTRUCTION

RSU Hosts Waterwise Expo 2024 to Strengthen Education on Sustainable Water Management

Romblon State University advanced SDG 6 by hosting the Waterwise Expo 2024 in partnership with Isabela State University and Kyoto University. The event gathered students, faculty, and researchers to learn about innovative and science-based approaches to water resource management, disaster prevention, and SMART water infrastructure. With expert talks from ISU's SWIM-NICER Center and Kyoto University, the expo enhanced academic understanding of sustainable water systems. Through this knowledge-sharing activity, RSU reinforced its instructional commitment to integrating global best practices into its teaching and learning environment. The expo empowered RSU students and educators with new insights, encouraged interdisciplinary discussions, and strengthened the University's role in promoting sustainable, resilient, and community-responsive water management solutions.



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ADMINISTRATION

RSU Strengthens Institutional Ties with ISU to Advance Water Governance and Innovation

Romblon State University strengthened its administrative efforts for SDG 6 by formalizing a partnership with Isabela State University (ISU) on joint research, capacity-building, and academic exchange. The collaboration stemmed from RSU's participation in the International Smart City Exposition and Networking Engagement (iSCENE) 2024, where RSU engaged with national leaders in smart and sustainable water systems.

This partnership enhances RSU's capacity in water governance, sustainable infrastructure, and innovation. By tapping into ISU's expertise in SMART Water Infrastructure and Management (SWIM), RSU advances cross-university cooperation that supports resilient, future-ready development aligned with clean water and sustainable community goals.

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RESEARCH

RSU, Kyoto University Explore Partnership for Water Research and Innovation

Romblon State University strengthened its research commitment to SDG 6 through an inception meeting with Kyoto University on December 1, 2024. Hosted by Prof. Sameh Ahmed Kantoush of the Disaster Prevention Research Institute, the discussion focused on potential collaboration in water resource management, disaster risk reduction, and sustainable development. Dr. Eddie G. Fetalvero, together with RSU faculty and PhD student Engr. Jerome Gacu, represented the university.

The meeting also connected RSU with Filipino scholars from JICA, DOST, DPWH, and MMSU, reinforcing a shared vision for impactful water research and capacity building. This engagement marks an important step toward establishing meaningful international partnerships that support resilient and sustainable water systems.



COMMUNITY

RSU Launches LIBRO and ZODWAY to Support Water Access and Community Learning

On October 14, 2024, Romblon State University launched two UNI-CESSS v.2 initiatives, LIBRO and ZODWAY, in Cabibihan, Calatrava, and Dayongdong, San Agustin. These programs aim to strengthen community learning resources and improve water access and sanitation in isolated barangays.

A Memorandum of Agreement was signed by RSU President Dr. Merian P. Catajay-Mani, university officials, barangay leaders, partner organizations, and local schools. This milestone underscores RSU's dedication to inclusive, community-driven development. The initiatives also encourage sustained local engagement to ensure long-term impact and resilience.



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AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



SDG 7

Affordable and Clean Energy

RSU is committed to advancing research and innovation in renewable energy technologies, ensuring that our campus and surrounding communities transition to affordable, sustainable, and clean energy solutions.

INSTRUCTION

RSU Shines at STIRDC 2024 with Renewable Energy Innovations

Romblon State University strengthened its academic commitment to SDG 7 as faculty researchers earned top recognitions at the 12th STIRDC Research, Development, and Extension Conference held on October 9–10, 2024, at Mindoro State University–Calapan Campus. With the theme “Building Resilient MIMAROPA: AI & Renewable Energy for a Sustainable Future,” the conference highlighted innovative works advancing clean and sustainable energy solutions.

The achievements of RSU's faculty underscore the University's growing role in promoting renewable energy research and integrating sustainable technologies into instruction and academic practice. Their contributions help shape a future where energy systems are smarter, greener, and more resilient.



RESEARCH

RSU Engineers Advance Renewable Energy Research Through Sibuyan Island Site Validation

Romblon State University advanced its renewable energy research through the REESA project, with the Engineering Team conducting site suitability validation for solar and wind power on Sibuyan Island on February 26, 2024. The assessment, funded by RSU, LGU San Fernando, and ROMELCO, identified potential locations for hybrid clean energy systems.

This initiative provides essential data for future renewable energy planning and highlights RSU's commitment to sustainable technologies, reduced reliance on fossil fuels, and community-centered environmental development.

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ADMINISTRATION

RSU Strengthens Renewable Energy Governance Through MOA with ROMELCO

Romblon State University reinforced its administrative commitment to clean and sustainable energy by signing a Memorandum of Agreement with the Romblon Electric Cooperative (ROMELCO) on February 6, 2023, in support of the Renewable Energy Exploitation and Suitability Assessment (REESA) Project. The collaboration focuses on evaluating Sibuyan Island's potential for solar and wind energy development, bringing together technical expertise, scientific research, and institutional support.

Through this partnership, RSU plays a vital leadership role in advancing renewable energy initiatives in the province. The project strengthens local energy planning, promotes evidence-based decision making, and contributes to long-term energy sustainability for Sibuyan Island communities.



COMMUNITY

RSU Advances Clean Energy Research Through Equipment Transfer for Project REESA

RSU Strengthens Renewable Energy Research Through LGU Equipment Transfer

Romblon State University received essential equipment from LGU San Fernando to support Project REESA, its ongoing study on Sibuyan Island's solar and wind energy potential. The turnover, attended by Mayor Nanette Tansingko and RSU's research team, enhances the university's capacity to conduct science-based assessments for sustainable power solutions. This milestone further boosts RSU's contribution to clean energy innovation in the province.

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



SDG 8

Decent Work and Economic Growth

RSU promotes sustainable economic growth by equipping students with the skills needed for the evolving workforce, fostering entrepreneurship, and supporting local industries through research, innovation, and partnerships.

INSTRUCTION

RSU Opens Global Learning Pathways Through Canada Enrichment Camp

Romblon State University expanded international learning opportunities through a partnership with Dalhousie University in Canada for a fully funded enrichment camp. RSU selected 20 first-year Agriculture and Fisheries students to experience advanced training and field-based activities abroad. The program allowed students to explore international best practices, modern agricultural systems, and hands-on learning in a global setting.

This initiative equips students with practical skills and wider career perspectives, reflecting the university's commitment to academic excellence and career-ready education. It also strengthens RSU's international linkages, paving the way for more global collaboration and student mobility programs in the future.



Are you a first-year Agriculture or Fisheries student at RSU? You could be selected to travel to **CANADA!** We are scouting for TWENTY (20) students to participate in a student enrichment camp at Dalhousie University, Canada next summer!

Currently enrolled as a first-year student under the BS Agriculture or BS Fisheries program at Romblon State University.

Demonstrates potential as a forward-thinking and promising young agriculturist/ aquaculturist.

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RESEARCH

RSU Revives Marble NICER Program Through DOST and UA&P Collaboration

Romblon State University strengthened its research initiatives by meeting with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the University of Asia and the Pacific (UA&P) to relaunch the Marble NICER Program. The collaboration aims to advance sustainable marble production by integrating modern technologies, innovative research approaches, and responsible resource management.

Through this renewed program, RSU seeks to improve local industry practices, expand market opportunities, and support the long-term growth of Romblon's marble sector. The initiative also opens doors for faculty and student researchers to engage in high-impact studies that directly benefit the province's economic landscape. By prioritizing innovation and sustainability, RSU positions itself as a leading institution in industry-driven research and community advancement.

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ADMINISTRATION

RSU and BJMP Odiongan Forge Partnership for PDL Empowerment

Romblon State University strengthened its administrative commitment to community rehabilitation by signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the BJMP Odiongan District Jail on October 11, 2024. The agreement formally launched the HOPE (Holistic Opportunities for Empowerment of Persons Deprived of Liberty) Program, an initiative designed to provide PDLs with education, skills training, and reintegration support. This collaboration reinforces RSU's leadership in inclusive and transformative community programs, ensuring that rehabilitation efforts are grounded in education and long-term empowerment. As the partnership progresses, RSU encourages its units and stakeholders to actively support the initiative and contribute to creating meaningful second-chance opportunities for PDLs.



COMMUNITY

RSU CARES Hosts Job Orientation for Graduating Students of CAFES, San Andres, and Calatrava

Romblon State University strengthened its community support for youth employability by hosting a Job Orientation and Placement Seminar on November 19, 2024, benefiting 247 graduating students from CAFES, San Andres Campus, and Calatrava Campus. The event featured hands-on sessions on resume writing, interview strategies, and the use of AI-powered career tools, along with a "Dream Job Vision Wall" and on-site National ID registration facilitated by PSA. University officials and career experts provided guidance that helped students gain confidence and practical skills for the job market. Through initiatives like this, RSU CARES continues to prepare graduates for meaningful and productive careers.

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



SDG 9

Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

RSU drives innovation by supporting research in sustainable industrial practices and infrastructure development, ensuring that our students and faculty contribute to resilient, sustainable, and inclusive industrial growth.



INSTRUCTION

CHED Evaluates RSU Graduate Programs to Strengthen Academic Quality

Romblon State University's Graduate Education and Professional Studies (GEPS) underwent a rigorous evaluation by the CHED Office of the Program and Standards Development (OPSD) Quality Assessment Team on June 18-19, 2024. The team assessed three major graduate programs, ensuring alignment with national standards and promoting continuous academic improvement. The visit, facilitated by the Quality Assurance Office and strongly supported by RSU leadership, highlights the university's commitment to delivering high-quality, responsive, and community-relevant graduate education. This evaluation strengthens RSU's academic infrastructure and reinforces its mission to uphold excellence in advanced learning.



ADMINISTRATION

RSU and MSU-Naawan Strengthen Institutional Collaboration Through MOU

Romblon State University formalized a new partnership with Mindanao State University-Naawan through a Memorandum of Understanding signed on September 10, 2024. The agreement opens pathways for joint research projects, capacity-building programs, faculty and student exchanges, and shared initiatives in innovation and sustainability. This partnership reinforces RSU's administrative commitment to expanding institutional networks and enhancing its research and academic capabilities. By fostering strategic collaboration, RSU continues to strengthen its innovation ecosystem and support long-term development for its faculty, students, and partner communities.

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SDG 9

Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

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Your dedication and expertise have always been inspiring. Your REDI family celebrates with your extraordinary achievement!

RESEARCH

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COMMUNITY

RSU and DICT Romblon Equip Future Educators with Interactive Teaching Technologies

Romblon State University strengthened its community engagement efforts through a hands-on ClassPoint training for 3rd-year Education students, conducted on September 11, 2024 by DICT Romblon. The session introduced future teachers to interactive digital tools that enhance classroom engagement and modernize teaching strategies.

Facilitated by Ma'am Cynthia R. Firmalo, the training helped students gain practical skills in using ClassPoint to create dynamic learning environments. This initiative reflects RSU's ongoing commitment to supporting technological readiness in local communities and preparing future educators to thrive in a rapidly evolving digital landscape.

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



SDG 10 Reduced Inequalities

RSU is committed to reducing inequalities within and among communities by fostering an inclusive academic culture and implementing programs that promote social, economic, and political inclusion for all.



INSTRUCTION

RSU Celebrates Pride for the Planet 2024: Promoting Inclusion and Equality Through Campus-wide Engagement

Romblon State University strengthened its commitment to inclusive education through the Pride for the Planet 2024 celebration on June 27, 2024. Organized by the International Relations Office, the event brought together students, faculty, and staff for activities promoting equality, creativity, and climate awareness. With inspiring messages from University leaders and a collective pledge to inclusivity, the program highlighted the role of schools in shaping respectful and socially aware communities. The celebration featured spoken poetry, photography, and an SDG-themed fashion show that showcased LGBTQIA++ creativity and empowerment, providing a safe and affirming space that fostered expression, understanding, and unity across the campus.



ADMINISTRATION

RSU President Mani Recognized as Outstanding Volunteer by NEDA MIMAROPA

Romblon State University strengthened its leadership commitment to inclusive community service as President Merian P. Catajay-Mani was named Regional Outstanding Volunteer by NEDA MIMAROPA on November 27, 2024. Recognized for initiatives such as TSIK, UNICESS, and RSU's regular bloodletting drives, her award reflects the university's dedication to reducing inequalities and supporting vulnerable groups through responsive, people-centered programs that inspire compassion and collective action across the region.

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



SDG 10 Reduced Inequalities

RSU is committed to reducing inequalities within and among communities by fostering an inclusive academic culture and implementing programs that promote social, economic, and political inclusion for all.

RESEARCH

Strengthening RSU's Research Culture: Insights from Dr. Blancia

By: [Author]

On October 31, 2024, Romblon State University hosted a learning session titled "Strengthening the Research Culture in Romblon State University," featuring Dr. Garry Vanz V. Blancia, Director of Research Development and Innovation. The discussion highlighted the vital role of research in driving innovation, enhancing academic excellence, and supporting the university's sustainability agenda. Participants gained practical insights into how a strong research culture contributes to RSU's growth, fosters evidence-based initiatives, and advances long-term development across programs and campuses.



COMMUNITY

RSU Commemorates National Women's Month 2024 with a Call for Equality and Inclusion

Romblon State University marked National Women's Month on March 8, 2024 with a vibrant celebration themed "WE for Gender Equality and Inclusive Society." The event began with a campus-wide parade followed by a Eucharistic Mass and a program highlighting women's contributions, empowerment, and the need for continued advocacy for inclusive communities. RSU President Dr. Merian P. Catajay-Mani delivered an inspiring message reinforcing the importance of balance, respect, and unity across genders. The program also introduced the RSU Unit Ambassadors who will promote GAD advocacies within their units, with recognitions awarded to outstanding representatives. Through this month-long celebration, RSU reaffirmed its commitment to uplifting women, addressing gender-related issues, and fostering a culture of equality and inclusivity across the university and its communities.

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



SDG 11

Sustainable Cities and Communities

RSU supports sustainable urban development through research, education, and community engagement, ensuring that cities and communities are inclusive, safe, resilient, and environmentally sustainable.

INSTRUCTION

RSU Leads University-wide Clean-Up Drive for a Safer, Dengue-Free Campus

Romblon State University strengthened its commitment to building a safe and sustainable campus environment through a university-wide Clean-Up Drive held on August 1, 2024. With students, faculty, and staff joining forces, the activity focused on improving environmental cleanliness, eliminating mosquito breeding sites, and ensuring readiness for the opening of Academic Year 2024–2025. This collective effort reflected RSU's proactive approach to dengue prevention and campus resilience.

Guided by the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the initiative also prepared the university for a scheduled misting operation to further safeguard community health. The activity not only promoted environmental stewardship among RSUvians but also reinforced the university's commitment to maintaining clean, safe, and sustainable learning spaces for all.



ADMINISTRATION

RSU Participates in Nationwide Earthquake Drill to Strengthen Campus Safety

Romblon State University reaffirmed its commitment to disaster resilience by joining the Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill on November 14, 2024. Led by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, the drill activated emergency protocols across the campus as students, faculty, and staff practiced the “Duck, Cover, and Hold” procedure. RSU’s participation highlights its dedication to strengthening institutional preparedness, ensuring safer learning spaces, and cultivating a culture of readiness within the university community.

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RSU Hosts the 13th MIMAROPA Health Research Forum

Romblon State University proudly hosted the 13th MIMAROPA Health Research Forum, bringing together researchers, professionals, and students from across the region to advance health innovation and collaborative research initiatives. Held at Horizon Hotel, Romblon, the forum showcased a wide range of studies through poster presentations, panel discussions, and knowledge-sharing sessions, highlighting the commitment of participating institutions to evidence-based solutions and improved community well-being. By providing an inclusive and dynamic platform for discourse, RSU reinforced its role as a leader in strengthening the region's research culture and supporting meaningful contributions to public health and sustainable development.



COMMUNITY

RSU Community Spirit Shines in Palarong Lahi 2024

Romblon State University strengthened campus unity and cultural pride through its participation in Palarong Lahi 2024, a community-centered sports event celebrating traditional Filipino games as part of the 124th Civil Service Commission Anniversary. Faculty members from the College of Arts and Sciences joined other university units in games like patintero, ten-twenty, Pinoy Henyo, and basag palayok, fostering teamwork, wellness, and cultural appreciation across the RSU community. The event also featured recognition of community outreach efforts and a photo contest highlighting family values, reflecting RSU's commitment to engagement, inclusivity, and local heritage. Through this celebration, RSU showcased its dedication to building a vibrant, healthy, and connected campus community.

12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



SDG 12

Responsible Consumption and Production

RSU is dedicated to promoting sustainable consumption and production practices by integrating environmental responsibility into our curriculum, research, and campus operations, and by supporting sustainable business models.



INSTRUCTION

RSU Empowers Student Leaders in “PANGHAWAN everyJUAN” Clean-Up for a Waste-Free Community

Romblon State University student leaders took an active role in promoting sustainable waste management during the “PANGHAWAN everyJUAN” Clean-Up Drive held on January 26, 2024 in celebration of Zero-Waste Month. Organized by the Environment and Natural Resources Office, the activity mobilized the Supreme Student Government, The Harrow-LSHS, and the Probers Club to clear public spaces and raise awareness on responsible waste practices. Their collective effort highlights the commitment of RSU youth to environmental stewardship and community engagement, reinforcing the importance of shared responsibility in building cleaner and more sustainable communities.



ADMINISTRATION

RSU Benchmarks Best Practices on Technology, Sustainability, and Inclusivity at Mabalacat City College

Romblon State University officials and staff, led by President Mani, conducted a comprehensive benchmarking visit to Mabalacat City College on December 12, 2024 to strengthen institutional development and administrative innovation. Welcomed by VPAA Marilyn S. Arcilla, the RSU delegation explored key facilities such as the CHED-supported i-Lab, the Corporate Boutique sustainability initiative, and the Hotel and Restaurant Simulation Rooms. Facilitated by VP for Global Relations Dr. Raymond John D. Vergara, the plenary discussions highlighted sustainability culture, inclusivity, and internationalization, while opening doors for future collaborations. The visit demonstrates RSU's commitment to continuously improving its systems, operations, and academic services through partnerships and the adoption of best practices.

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COMMUNITY

RSU Goes Fully Digital with the Launch of RSU PULSE

Romblon State University advanced its sustainability and service innovation efforts through the full digitalization of its Client Satisfaction Measurement (CSM) system under the RSU PULSE initiative (Paperless University Loopback & Satisfaction Evaluation). Led by the Institutional and Physical Planning and Development Office, QR codes were deployed across campus offices to replace paper-based forms, in collaboration with ESCEO for the web app integration and OMPA for printing and laminating. This shift enables students, employees, and external clients to provide instant feedback through a convenient, paperless system, reflecting RSU's strong commitment to responsible consumption, efficient service delivery, and a modern, environmentally conscious campus.

13 CLIMATE ACTION



SDG 13 Climate Action

RSU is committed to combating climate change by advancing education and research in climate science, reducing the university's carbon footprint, and engaging in climate action initiatives both locally and globally.



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Romblon State University earned multiple awards at the SAVE ME Movement's 15th National Kampo Kalikasan held on September 20–23, 2024, in Cebu Technological University, Danao City. The four-day environmental camp gathered student leaders, HEI representatives, LGUs, NGOs, and youth advocates to tackle climate action, disaster preparedness, and sustainable community-building. RSU delegates excelled in various competitions, securing top placements in digital photography, singing, extemporaneous speaking, AVP production, cartooning, poster-making, poetry, and essay writing, showcasing the university's strong commitment to environmental awareness and climate advocacy. Supported by OSAS and student development advisers, the delegation reflected RSU's dedication to empowering youth champions for sustainability. The RSU administration extends its congratulations to all participants for this outstanding achievement.



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ADMINISTRATION

RSU Strengthens Climate Action Leadership Through "Tipanan sa Inang Kalikasan" 2024

Romblon State University strengthened its climate action efforts through the "Tipanan sa Inang Kalikasan" 2024 celebration on February 14, bringing together students, officials, partners, and international delegates for bike and coastal cleanups, tree planting, and environmental awareness activities. The event also installed new LOREN Ambassadors committed to land and ocean conservation, renewable energy promotion, and environmental education. TSIK 2024 reaffirmed RSU's administrative commitment to mobilizing communities and advancing climate resilience across the region.

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RESEARCH

RSU Researchers Excel at the 4th International Research Festival on Climate Change and DRRM

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Romblon State University showcased outstanding research excellence at the 4th International Research Festival on Climate Change and DRRM held on January 26–28, 2024, at Occidental Mindoro State College. Mr. Garry Vanz V. Blancia earned 1st Place Best Research Presenter in both Clusters A and B, while Ms. Preexcy B. Tupas and Mr. Dave D. Lota secured Third Best Research Presenter awards in their respective clusters. Their studies, ranging from bioplastic innovation and flood risk assessment to biodiversity technology and calamity information systems, highlight RSU's strong research contribution to climate action, disaster resilience, and sustainable development.

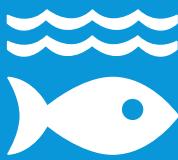


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Romblon State University, through the International Relations Office, launched its two-phase Pride for the Planet Initiative on June 27–28, combining environmental action with inclusive community engagement. Phase one mobilized volunteers, government agencies, and partner organizations for mangrove planting and a coastal cleanup in Brgy. Budiong, strengthening efforts to protect marine ecosystems. Phase two featured campus-based SDG activities including an eco-themed fashion show, photography contest, and spoken poetry competition, celebrating creativity while raising awareness on sustainability and LGBTQ inclusion. The initiative highlighted RSU's commitment to climate action, unity, and a campus culture where diversity and environmental stewardship thrive together.

14 LIFE BELOW WATER



SDG 14

Life Below Water

RSU actively supports the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and marine resources through research, education, and community outreach, addressing the pressing challenges facing marine ecosystems.

INSTRUCTION

RSU Students and Faculty Unite for Coastal Cleanup Drive in Tabing-Dagat

Romblon State University advanced its commitment to marine conservation as students and faculty from the College of Education joined a coastal cleanup drive at Tabing-Dagat, Odiongan on May 17, 2024. Organized by CEDSO, FEMO, and the Physical Education Student Society, the activity promoted responsible waste management, strengthened collaboration with local stakeholders, and encouraged long-term community participation in protecting coastal ecosystems. The initiative highlighted the role of education and youth leadership in safeguarding marine environments, echoing the shared call to “educate, inspire, and change lives—one coast at a time.

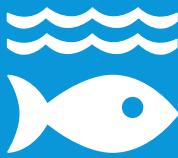


RESEARCH

RSU Strengthens Marine Science Research Capacity through NKUST Taiwan Programs

Romblon State University continues to advance marine research and sustainability through its strong partnership with the National Kaohsiung University of Science and Technology (NKUST) in Taiwan. RSU faculty scholars currently in Taiwan include participants of the Taiwan Experience Education Program 2024, where Dr. Miguel D. Visca Jr. and Ms. Edrafel Claudeeen M. Manoy are undergoing a specialized research internship on Marine Sediment Monitoring, Recycling, and Utilization from October 2024 to March 2025. Their work contributes directly to improving coastal resource management and sustainable marine practices. Complementing this, RSU faculty members enrolled in NKUST's International Doctoral Program further strengthen the university's scientific capacity. This international collaboration enhances RSU's expertise in ocean-related research, environmental stewardship, and global academic partnerships.

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ADMINISTRATION

RSU Santa Fe Campus Hosts 2nd Seaweed Festival to Promote Sustainable Coastal Livelihoods

Romblon State University Santa Fe Campus successfully held the 2nd Seaweed Festival on April 26, 2023, highlighting the role of seaweed innovation, research, and technology in building sustainable coastal economies. The event opened with a parade featuring research-based seaweed product displays and brought together local officials, the Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Agricultural Research, seaweed farmers, indigenous communities, and RSU delegates from multiple campuses. Through this university-led initiative, RSU strengthened community partnerships, supported local aquaculture development, and advanced administrative efforts toward sustainable and climate-resilient livelihoods in coastal areas.



COMMUNITY

RSU MARBLE Media Student Organization Leads Earth Day Coastal Cleanup and Mangrove Planting

The RSU MARBLE Media Student Organization, together with the Office of Media and Public Affairs and the Sangguniang Kabataan of Brgy. Batiano, commemorated Earth Day 2024 through a meaningful coastal cleanup and mangrove tree planting activity on April 21. Guided by the global theme “Planet vs Plastics,” the initiative addressed the urgent call to reduce plastic pollution and protect marine and coastal ecosystems. The activity began with a short program emphasizing environmental responsibility, with messages from student leaders and university officials encouraging volunteers to take active roles in safeguarding natural resources. Student volunteers, youth leaders, and partner agencies then worked hand in hand to plant mangrove seedlings and collect waste along the coastline, showcasing how community-driven efforts can restore coastal habitats and strengthen local climate resilience. The event reflects RSU’s sustained commitment to marine conservation, environmental education, and empowering the youth to champion life below water.

15 LIFE ON LAND



SDG 15 Life on Land

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INSTRUCTION

IIEE RSU Chapter Joins Tree Planting Drive to Support Local Biodiversity

The Institute of Integrated Electrical Engineers (IIEE) Council of Student Chapter – RSU Chapter took part in a meaningful tree planting activity on November 19, 2024, in Canduyong, Odiongan, Romblon, in partnership with the Department of Agriculture Provincial Office. Bringing together students, faculty, and staff from the Electrical Engineering department, the activity strengthened awareness on protecting terrestrial ecosystems and restoring green spaces. By planting trees and engaging in hands-on environmental action, participants demonstrated their shared commitment to biodiversity conservation, land rehabilitation, and long-term ecological sustainability. The collaboration with the Department of Agriculture provided valuable guidance and support, ensuring that the initiative contributes effectively to improving local landscapes and nurturing a healthier environment for the community.



RESEARCH

RSU Showcases Giant Swamp Taro Flour as a Sustainable, Health-Forward Innovation

Romblon State University featured Giant Swamp Taro Flour as its Technology of the Month, highlighting a research-driven innovation that supports both human health and biodiversity conservation by promoting the cultivation of indigenous crops that strengthen ecosystem resilience. Extracted from the naturally thriving Giant Swamp Taro plant, the flour offers a gluten-free, low-glycemic option for individuals with dietary needs while empowering local farmers through sustainable agricultural practices. Through this initiative, RSU demonstrates how scientific research can advance nutrition and contribute to the protection and sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems.

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ADMINISTRATION

RSU Joins LGU Odiongan in Independence Day Tree Planting Activity

Romblon State University, led by President Merian P. Catajay-Mani and top officials, joined the Local Government of Odiongan and the DENR in a meaningful tree planting activity on June 12, 2024 at Rizal Reservoir, Barangay Rizal. Held in celebration of Philippine Independence Day with the theme “Kalayaan, Kinabukasan, Kasaysayan,” the initiative strengthened RSU’s partnership with local agencies while promoting environmental sustainability and civic responsibility. Participants from BFP, Water District, LGU Odiongan, barangay leaders, and various organizations worked together to plant trees and inspire continued stewardship of natural resources. The activity reflects RSU’s ongoing commitment to community collaboration and responsible environmental action.



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COMMUNITY

RSU Mr. & Ms. SDG 2024 Pageant Celebrates Advocacy, Talent, and Community Spirit

The Mr. & Ms. SDG 2024 pageant held on October 16 brought vibrant energy to the RSU Quadrangle, where students, faculty, and supporters gathered to celebrate advocacy and talent. Candidates confidently presented their platforms, showcased their stage presence, and engaged in a dynamic Q&A segment that highlighted their awareness of social and environmental issues. The event emphasized RSU’s continued commitment to empowering student leaders and promoting meaningful engagement across the university community as part of its 15th anniversary celebration.

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16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



SDG 16

Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

RSU fosters a peaceful, just, and inclusive society by promoting ethical governance, academic freedom, and transparency within the institution, ensuring that all students and stakeholders contribute to building strong and accountable institutions.



INSTRUCTION

RSU Strengthens Institutional Governance Through the 2024 Management Review

Romblon State University conducted its 2024 Management Review on October 17–18 at the Learning Resource Center, gathering top officials and unit heads to evaluate the university's academic, administrative, and support systems. Led by President Dr. Merian P. Catajay-Mani and facilitated by the Quality Assurance Office, the review examined stakeholder feedback, audit findings, service conformity, and progress on previous action plans. This annual activity strengthens RSU's commitment to transparent governance, accountable leadership, and continuous improvement across all campuses.



ADMINISTRATION

RSU Alumni Association Canada Chapter Launches Its First Meet and Greet with the RSU President

Romblon State University marked a historic milestone in institutional strengthening as the RSU Alumni

Romblon State University strengthened its global alumni network as the RSU Alumni Association Canada Chapter held its first Meet and Greet with the University President on November 10, 2024, in Milton, Ontario. The event featured the oathtaking of newly elected officers, officiated by CHED Commissioner and RSU Board of Regents Chair Dr. Marita R. Canapi, along with university updates shared by President Merian P. Catajay-Mani. With alumni joining onsite and online, the gathering marked the official launch of the Canada Chapter and highlighted RSU's commitment to fostering active engagement, collaboration, and strong international institutional connections.

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RESEARCH

RSU Scholar Earns Prestigious MEXT Scholarship for PhD Studies in Japan

Romblon State University proudly celebrates Engr. Jerome G. Gacu as he begins his two-year PhD program at Kyoto University under the highly competitive MEXT Scholarship of the Japanese Government. From September 2024 to March 2026, Engr. Gacu will engage in advanced research and academic training, strengthening RSU's global linkages and contributing to the university's growing international research footprint. His achievement reflects RSU's commitment to developing future-ready professionals, expanding international cooperation, and supporting scholars who bring back expertise that benefits the institution and the wider community.



The Harrow

COMMUNITY

Celebrating 15 Years of RSU: A Tribute to Community and Institutional Excellence

Romblon State University commemorated its 15th year as a university on October 14, 2024, bringing together students, faculty, staff, alumni, and partners for a meaningful celebration centered on unity, pride, and institutional progress. Highlighted by a ceremonial flag-raising and wreath-laying, the event honored RSU's growth, community service, and sustained commitment to educational excellence. President Dr. Merian P. Catajay-Mani encouraged the community to uphold RSU's legacy through strengthened services, innovation, and continued pursuit of national and global recognition. The anniversary celebration reflected the collective spirit of RSUvians and reinforced the university's role as a strong, community-rooted institution dedicated to serving with honor and excellence.

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



SDG 17

Partnerships for the Goals

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INSTRUCTION

Strengthening Partnerships for Inclusive Innovation:

RSU Launches iSign Mobile Application

Romblon State University advanced its commitment to inclusive and collaborative innovation with the launch of the iSign mobile application on December 17, 2024, at Odiongan National High School. Developed by CCMADI students, iSign provides an accessible digital platform for learning Filipino Sign Language, supporting deaf and mute learners as well as educators. The event gathered university leaders, faculty, disability advocates, and community partners who underscored the role of technology in fostering inclusive education. Through this initiative, RSU strengthened cross-sector partnerships and reinforced its efforts to promote digital inclusivity, FSL integration, and innovation-driven learning.



ADMINISTRATION

RSU Explores International Partnership with With English Academy in South Korea

Romblon State University advanced its global engagement efforts through an exploratory meeting with With English Academy in South Korea on October 4, 2024. Led by President Dr. Merian P. Catajay-Mani, the discussion showcased RSU's capacity to host international mobility programs and provide enriching cross-cultural experiences. With English Academy CEO Eunhwa Bak expressed strong interest in developing both on-site and virtual collaborations. The meeting ended with a shared commitment to crafting partnership frameworks, marking a promising step toward deeper international cooperation.

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Romblon State University, through its Technology Commercialization and Business Incubation Office (TCBIO), strengthened its research partnerships by joining the MViNET Ecosystem Mapping and Roundtable Discussion held at Palawan State University on September 3–4, 2024. Represented by Engr. Lawrence G. Ical and Dr. Garry Vanz Blancia, RSU actively participated in collaborative dialogues on technology commercialization, innovation ecosystems, and best practices for scaling research outputs. The event, hosted by PSU and DOST-MIMAROPA, provided RSU with valuable insights and new collaborative pathways, reinforcing the university's commitment to advancing research and innovation through strong inter-institutional partnerships.

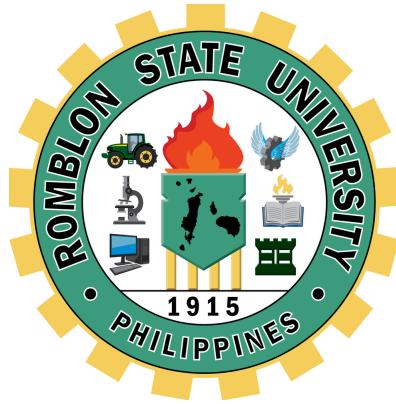


COMMUNITY

RSU Boosts Workforce Health Through Collaborative Medical Caravan Initiative

RSU Holds Medical Caravan for Employees in Celebration of the 124th Civil Service Anniversary

Romblon State University strengthened its commitment to employee welfare and collaborative community service through a Medical Caravan held on September 13, 2024, at the RSU Audio Visual Room. Led by President Dr. Merian P. Catajay-Mani and organized by the Health Services Office in partnership with the Federation of RSU Alumni Association, the activity brought together dedicated medical professionals who provided comprehensive checkups and health consultations for RSU staff. This initiative showcased the power of institutional partnerships in promoting well-being, reflecting RSU's continued efforts to foster supportive networks, enhance public service delivery, and build meaningful collaborations that benefit the university community.



VISION

A research-based academic institution committed to excellence and service nurturing globally competitive workforce towards sustainable development.

MISSION

RSU shall nurture an academic environment that provides advanced education, higher technological and professional instruction and technical expertise in agriculture and fishery, forestry, engineering and technology, education, humanities sciences, and other relevant fields of study and shall bridge boundaries across other institutions and communities through responsive, relevant and research-based extension services.

