



MARIANO MARCOS STATE UNIVERSITY

MMSU Opens Its Museum of natural History, Art Gallery, and Iloko Museum to the Public

Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU) provides public access to museums, galleries, and exhibition spaces that are open to everyone and encourage learning and cultural appreciation. The university's museum complex includes the Museum of Natural History, the Art Gallery, and Museo MMSU (formerly the Iloko Museum), each offering unique experiences.

Located on the second floor's northeast wing, the Museum of Natural History showcases collections of rocks, plants, and animal specimens, providing hands-on learning opportunities for students, researchers, and visitors. This museum helps people understand more about nature and science, making it a valuable resource for both individuals and groups.

On the first floor's southeast wing, the Art Gallery displays paintings and artwork made by or about Ilocanos. This space celebrates the region's art and creativity, allowing visitors to connect with the Ilocano identity through visual expression.

The Museo MMSU, in the south wing of the second floor, highlights traditional Ilocano life through exhibits of tools and equipment used in everyday activities such as farming, household tasks, and local industries. This museum offers a look at how Ilocanos have lived, worked, and developed over time, showcasing items that reflect their daily lives, beliefs, and values.

Beyond the museum spaces, MMSU also leads efforts to preserve and promote local culture and indigenous knowledge. Through projects like the "Intensifying the Filipino Culture" program, supported by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Philippine-Canada Education Consortium (PhilCanEDUCON), MMSU works with other state universities and colleges, along with the University of Saskatchewan, to document traditional knowledge and practices. This project collects information on topics like health, farming, food, and resource management to help preserve these practices for future generations. By working with communities, the program promotes cultural identity and sustainable development, supporting the use of traditional knowledge in today's world.

MMSU also participates in international conferences, where it shares experiences and learns from other universities involved in similar projects. These gatherings encourage the

exchange of ideas and strengthen partnerships, helping MMSU connect its community work with global educational and cultural efforts.

Through its museums, programs, and partnerships, MMSU opens doors to learning and understanding. The university's museums and cultural programs allow visitors to appreciate the rich heritage of the Ilocano people and connect with the larger Filipino culture.

Evidences:

MMSU, CHED, Canadian embassy tie up for int'l IKSCM conference

https://www.mmsu.edu.ph/news/mmsu-ched-canadian-embassy-tie-up-for-intl-ikscm-conference?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAAR17HMBBFP4I7NwIQLbEljwDP_7o9I7cl3Oedlqv69OZ9F0VmSgJO_cNBZ4_aem_5NY4OBTnBBJOPTIzdPfZHW

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<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=615275577301403&set=a.459121422916820>

INLadawan: An Ilocano Culture Exhibit.

<https://www.facebook.com/MMSUESociety/posts/pfbid0Tz7UJgY1GBXho9fwfieYJHHFpXretVzPTSdM7uhJ2Qg8craQKeDabC3uE5AHTRJWl>

MMSU-PhilRice paddy art

<https://www.mmsu.edu.ph/news/president-marcos-featured-in-mmsu-philrice-paddy-art>