



# Local education campaigns on climate change risks, impacts, mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning

Consistent with its institutional agenda on protecting the environment by building ecological awareness, the Ateneo de Naga University, through its various units, has continuously conducted collaborative information and education campaigns to promote climate awareness and climate action among its students, personnel, and the wider community.

## **Integrating climate awareness and action in the academic curriculum**

The university has increasingly integrated climate awareness and climate action in the academic curriculum primarily by way of service learning programs. Only recently, the university, in collaboration with the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities in Asia Pacific (AJCU-AP), hosted "One with Nature," a two-week service learning activity participated in by over 50 student delegates from several universities in Japan, Thailand, Indonesia, Timor-Leste, and the Philippines. The activity involved lecture forums and field exposures that fostered personal awareness and international cross-cultural dialogue on environmental stewardship as means to develop ethical mindsets for climate action.

## **Climate-focused social involvement initiatives**

The university has focused its social involvement activities on environmental care and restoration to serve as a major platform for increasing climate awareness and climate action among students, university personnel, and members of the wider community. These social involvement activities, which includes coastal clean-ups, mangrove reforestation, and tree planting, contributed to raising the awareness among the participants about the importance of caring for coastal and forest ecosystems in the overall effort to manage the risks and mitigate the negative impacts of climate change.

## **Creative works for climate awareness**

The university has also begun to integrate the promotion of climate awareness in various creative endeavors. Recently, the university held its annual "BUKLAD: ADNU arts and culture festival." Managed by the university's Creative Endeavors Council, this month-long festival promoted climate awareness among students and the general public through a variety of creative events, such as film screening, theater shows, musical concerts, art exhibits, and open conversations with prominent local artists and writers.

## **Enhancing local governance for climate action**

The university has continually provided support for informed local government decision making and actions through its various collaborative research and development projects, particularly with regards to climate and disaster resilience. One of these projects was the PHIL-LiDAR Hazard Mapping and Resources Assessment Project, which was implemented by its Institute for Environmental Conservation and Research (INECAR), in partnership with the Philippine Department of Science and Technology. Through this project, the university produced several knowledge products in the form of fine-scale flood hazard maps and resources maps which were widely disseminated through training activities and public information and education campaigns. Subsequently, INECAR, in collaboration with the Naga City Resilience Council (NCRC), conducted a series of community-level hazard map localization workshops in support of the city's climate adaptation efforts by improving community-level early warning systems to reduce flood risks and impacts. The workshops were attended by over 100 community officials.