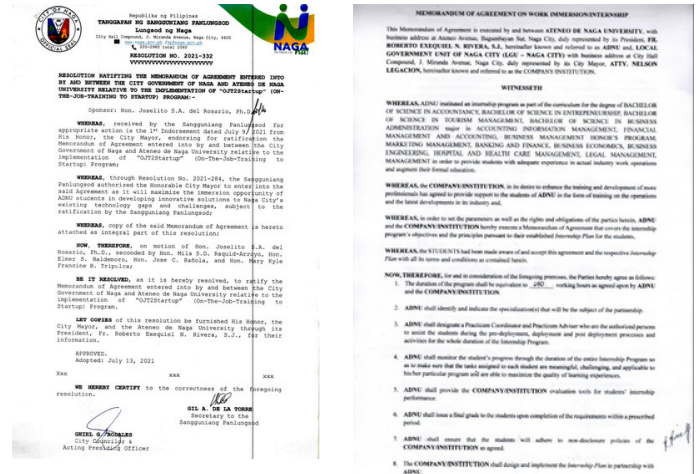


# STRENGTHENING LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

## THROUGH ACADEMIC-COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

Ateneo de Naga University (ADNU), as a Jesuit higher education institution, continues to advance its mission of forming men and women for others through partnerships that bridge academic learning and social engagement. In recent years, ADNU has deepened its collaboration with the **Local Government Unit (LGU) of Naga City** and other local sectors to promote responsive governance, legal empowerment, and sustainable development.

One significant initiative is the **implementation of structured internship and work immersion programs** under the College of Business and Accountancy (CBA). Through a formal **Memorandum of Agreement with the LGU of Naga City**, students in Business, Accountancy, Entrepreneurship, Tourism, and Legal Management programs are deployed in government offices to experience public service operations firsthand. These placements connect classroom learning with practical governance work, while enhancing the efficiency and transparency of local administrative systems. The arrangement reflects mutual commitment to competence, conscience, and compassionate service—hallmarks of Jesuit education.



*Memorandum of Agreement entered into by and between the City government of Naga and Ateneo de Naga University relative to the implementation of "OJT2startup" (on-the-job-training to startup) Program*



The University's **Ignatian Legal Apostolate Office (ILAO)** under the **College of Law** further demonstrates ADNU's role as a partner in local governance. Through **Project MAGIS: Making Ateneo Law Naga Grounded in Service**, supported by the **Governance in Justice (GOJUST) II Program**, ADNU-LAO strengthens its **Clinical Legal Education Program (CLEP)** through community-based engagement. The project established **twenty-seven (27) barangay legal aid desks** across Naga City and conducted **capacity-building sessions for Lupong Tagapamayapa members**, enhancing local mechanisms for justice and conflict resolution.

Regular consultation and coordination with city officials, barangay leaders, and civil society organizations ensure that these initiatives remain responsive to community needs. Stakeholders are engaged in dialogue, planning, and feedback processes that guide the design and implementation of activities. This participatory approach nurtures trust and shared accountability, reinforcing ADNU's contribution to evidence-based policymaking and inclusive local development. Through these collaborations, ADNU affirms its role as an active academic partner of the local government and a catalyst of socially responsive governance.