



Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Davao Oriental  
**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN**  
SP Complex, Government Center, Dahican  
CITY OF MATI



EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 134<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 16<sup>TH</sup> SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF DAVAO ORIENTAL, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022, AT THE CITY OF MATI, THIS PROVINCE.

**PRESENT:**

Hon. Niño Sotero L. Uy, Jr. Vice Governor – Presiding Officer

**Regular Members:**

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Hon. Nelson R. Dayanghirang, Jr.  
Hon. Dante M. Caubang  
Hon. Joselito B. Villademoso  
Hon. Laureano B. Taya

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Hon. Anacleto P. Macatabog  
Hon. Lemuel Ian M. Larcia

**Ex-Officio Member:**

Hon. Rabsalon M. Lamaran  
Hon. Charlie S. Ambasan

President, Philippine Councilor's League  
Indigenous Peoples' Mandatory  
Representative

**ABSENT:**

Hon. Louis N. Rabat  
Hon. Enrico M. Antopuesto  
Hon. Dennis V. Roflo, Jr.  
Hon. Marietta D. Palmera  
Hon. Rustan R. Castellones

SP Member, District II – *Filial Leave*  
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SP Member, District I – *Filial Leave*  
President, Liga Ng Mga Barangay  
– *O.B. Boston*

Hon. Ronald T. Lara, Jr.

Sangguniang Kabataan Provincial  
Federation President – *Filial Leave*

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-1243-01-2022**

Author : Hon. Anacleto P. Macatabog

Sponsor : Hon. Anacleto P. Macatabog

**A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE DAVAO ORIENTAL STATE UNIVERSITY (DORSU) THROUGH ITS PRESIDENT, DR. ROY PONCE, TO INCLUDE ARABIC LANGUAGE IN THE MAJOR COURSE PROGRAMS OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF MUSLIM STUDENTS OF THIS PROVINCE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Province of Davao Oriental is home to different group of people and tribes including the Filipino Muslims also from Kaagan, Maranao, Maguindanao and Tausug tribes;

**WHEREAS**, there is a growing number of Muslim students now enrolled or studied at Davao Oriental State University (DORSU) taking up various courses and programs;

**WHEREAS**, the Davao Oriental State University (DORSU) offered various language courses such as English, Pilipino, Spanish and Mandarin among others;



**WHEREAS**, Arabic language was chosen by Allah, and the Muslim Holy Scripture is written entirely in Arabic. It was chosen out of all the languages in the world, used in the past, present and future. Regardless of linguistic, cultural, and racial differences, Muslims form one community of believers. This community is based on their shared faith in One Almighty God and the guidance He has sent down to mankind. His final revelation to mankind, the Quran, was sent over 1400 years ago to Prophet Mohammad (*pbuh*) in the *Arabic language*;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines, fostering a bilateral relation that is increasingly gaining importance have emerged in recent years, joining the traditional historical and cultural links with the Muslim Southeast Asian countries to strengthen further the existing bonds of regional solidarity and cooperation on the basis of amity, mutual respect and cooperation, the bilateral relations are growing in various aspects, including in political, trade and investment, fisheries, marine and oceanic affairs, defense and security cooperation, among others. Thus, *Arabic language* will serve as the common link joining this diverse community of believers as the unifying element that ensures believers share the same ideas;

**WHEREAS**, Arabic is currently the 5th most commonly spoken native language in the world. It is the official language in more than 20 countries, with more than 375 million native speakers, ranging throughout the Middle East and the rest of the world. It is also an official language of the United Nations, the Arab League, the Organization of Islamic Conference, and the African Union.

**WHEREFORE**, on motion of SP Member Anacleto P. Macatabog, duly and jointly seconded by SP Members Rabsalon M. Lamarin and Charlie S. Ambasan, it was

**RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, **RECOMMENDING TO THE DAVAO ORIENTAL STATE UNIVERSITY (DORSU) THROUGH ITS PRESIDENT, DR. ROY PONCE TO INCLUDE ARABIC LANGUAGE IN THE MAJOR COURSE PROGRAMS OF THE UNIVERSITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF MUSLIM STUDENTS OF THIS PROVINCE;**

**RESOLVED, FINALLY**, That copies of this resolution be furnished: Dr. Roy G. Ponce, President, Davao Oriental State University, Brgy. Dahican, Mati City, for his information and appropriate action.

**CARRIED AND APPROVED.**

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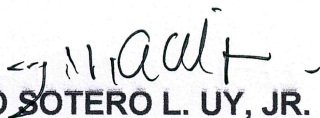
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**I hereby Certify to the Correctness  
of the foregoing Resolution.**

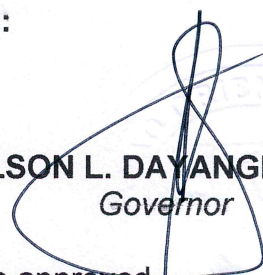
  
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Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

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**Attested and Certified  
to be duly Adopted:**

  
**NIÑO SOTERO L. UY, JR.**  
*Vice Governor and Presiding Officer*

**APPROVED:**

  
**NELSON L. DAYANGHIRANG**  
*Governor*

Date approved  
and signed JAN 28 2022

