

***Mapúa steps up efforts in fostering nurturing environment with DEI launch***

*Considered as a significant milestone in its journey in fostering a nurturing environment for all the members of its community, Mapúa University has launched its Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Program. The program, according to Mapúa's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer, Mr. Patrick Glenn O. Acorin, is created primarily to further the university's efforts in cultivating a culture of empathy, respect, and understanding.*

*"This is just a formalization of all the efforts, activities, and projects that the various schools, departments, offices, and student organizations of the University have initiated and implemented to ensure that there is a continuous improvement of our campus environment and culture," states Acorin.*

*Coinciding with the celebration of the Pride Month, Mapúa, through the Human Resources Department, Institute of Global Sustainability, and the Faculty Development Office, launched the program last June 19 with a seminar titled "To DEI Is to Care" with its guest speaker Dr. Eva Callueng, the Dean of the College of Education of UE Manila and a strong advocate of diversity, equality, and inclusion.*



Caption: Dr. Eva Callueng, the Dean of the College of Education of UE Manila, delivers the lecture in the hybrid seminar "To DEI Is to Care" during the launch of Mapúa University's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Program, on June 19, 2024.

*The value of gender equality cannot be overstated in internationalizing education and fostering global competitiveness. Together with its various schools and departments, Mapúa will be rolling out projects on diversity, equity, and inclusion in accordance with the United Nations' SDG 5.*

*"In preparing our learners for excellence and success in globalized and multicultural industries, we must bring different perspectives and experiences in our activities and discussions, as this further develops critical thinking, which leads to higher levels of academic achievement. Gender equality also enables us to create a safe space where all of us can grow and feel valued," concludes Acorin.*