

MAAP PHILIPPINES SIGNS IPMEN TAKAO DECLARATION, Shares Best Practices on Ocean Literacy in Taiwan

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On April 14-16, 2025, MAAP, represented by Dr. Angelica M. Baylon, participated in the 2025 IPMEN Conference hosted by the National Academy of Marine Research (NAMR) & National Sun Yat-sen University (NSYSU) with the theme: Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Ocean Literacy, with a focus on empowering voices from the Asia-Pacific region. More information at the IPMEN website <https://ipmen.net> / and at <https://ipmen-kaohsiung.net>

Conference Strands include Strand 1- Local community knowledge and its connection to Ocean Literacy and the Ocean Decade Challenge; Strand 2 - Advancing Ocean Science through Asia-Pacific Traditional Ecological Systems; Strand 3 - Exploring the links between local ocean knowledge, climate change, and extreme weather, and; Strand 4 - Collaboration between communities and international ocean scientists (Asia-Pacific Sea Grant Consortium initiative).



Meeting with the Oceans Affairs Council

Taiwan's Ocean Affairs Council Minister Kuan Bi-ling warmly welcomed the IPMEN delegation. With Dr Baylon representing MAAP Philippines. <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1EtRJApnSx/>
https://www.bo6s.com.tw/news_detail.php?NewsID=95493
<https://www.chinatimes.com/realtime.../20250414004005-260407>

Strand 1: Local community knowledge and its connection to Ocean Literacy and the Ocean Decade Challenge

Dr. Baylon joined the Strand 1 Session as one of the speakers and panel discussants [<https://reurl.cc/QYXv90>]. Chaired by AMEA Chair/President Dr. Tsuyoshi Sasaki, she contributed to the discussion on local community knowledge connections to Ocean Literacy and the Ocean Decade, with a focus on examples from the Asia Pacific region. This panel addressed the integration of Ocean Literacy into maritime education, representing MAAP Philippines alongside other discussants, including OSSL experts and practitioners from Japan, USA, Taiwan, and Malaysia.



Dr. Baylon presented a MAAP paper entitled *"Integrating Maritime Education to Promote Ocean Literacy: A Case Study of MAAP in the Philippines."*



She signed the Takao Declaration on behalf of MAAP and PAEPI Global.



She was trained in Taiwan fish rubbing at the College of Marine Sciences of National Sun Yat-sen University and produced artwork approved by the official trainer.

The full video presentation is at this link, with an Opening video that beautifully captures the energy and meaning of the 2025 IPMEN event. Provided 1-minute greetings at 4:57
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e-0tI09YGhs> and Greetings to the 20th IPMEN Anniversary
<https://youtube.com/watch?v=e-0tI09YGhs&si=YLUetiHnPgagim3I>