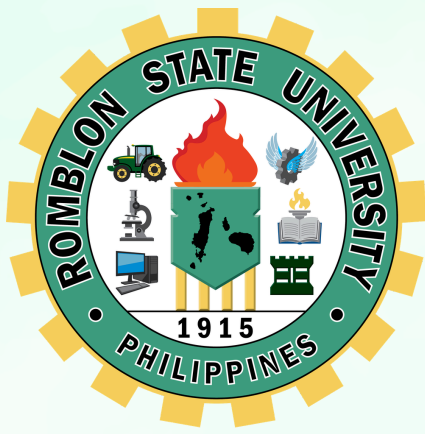


ROMBLON STATE UNIVERSITY SUSTAINABILITY REPORT



2025





Romblon State University (RSU), a research-based academic institution, is dedicated to accomplishing its objective of serving with honor and excellence while also cultivating a globally competitive workforce for sustainable development. RSU declares its continuous support and commitment to the accomplishment of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Our institution is motivated by the incorporation of SDGs into the curriculum, research endeavors, and community participation initiatives.

In line with its support to the achievement of UN SDGs, RSU continues to actively collaborate with local and international stakeholders through the Office of International Relations, Research Extension Development and Innovation Unit, and various advocacy and extension programs.

Our support extends beyond the campus as we strive to create a sustainable future for our local community, our nation, and the world. We will continue to serve with honor and excellence as we establish programs, policies, and coordinated activities in accordance with the UN SDGs, aiming for a globally competitive workforce and a sustainable future.




DR. MERIAN P. CATAJAY-MANI, CESE
University President



SDG 1 NO POVERTY

RSU is committed to eradicating poverty in our communities by providing inclusive, equitable education and fostering local entrepreneurship, ensuring that all students and stakeholders have access to the resources and opportunities needed to thrive.



INSTRUCTION

RSU supports student access to Higher Education through TES and TDP Assistance

Romblon State University, in partnership with CHED-UniFAST MIMAROPA, conducted a campus-based UAQTEA Orientation and facilitated the release of Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES) and Tulong Dunong Program (TDP) benefits to continuing grantees. The activity provided students with updated information on program guidelines and implementation while delivering direct financial assistance to support their educational needs. Through these initiatives, RSU helps reduce financial barriers to higher education, enabling students from disadvantaged backgrounds to continue their studies and pursue academic success. The program reflects the University's commitment to expanding access to quality education and supporting poverty reduction efforts through educational assistance and student welfare programs.

ADMINISTRATION

RSU achieves International Recognition in the 2025 THE Impact Rankings

Romblon State University celebrated its inclusion in the 2025 Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings, marking a significant milestone in its sustainability journey. In its first participation, RSU ranked 1501+ among 2,526 higher education institutions worldwide and received recognition across all 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Notably, the University earned strong rankings in SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals). The achievement reflects RSU's commitment to sustainability, effective governance, and global engagement. It also highlights the collective efforts of the University's administrators, faculty, staff, students, and partners in advancing initiatives that contribute to sustainable development. Through participation in international rankings and continuous alignment with the SDGs, RSU continues to strengthen its impact on both local and global communities.





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RESEARCH

RSU supports Sustainable Livelihood and Community Development through DSWD Partnership

Romblon State University partnered with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) MIMAROPA Regional Office to implement initiatives that support sustainable livelihoods and community development. Through the Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP), the partnership promotes capacity-building, entrepreneurship training, livelihood assistance, and technical support for marginalized communities. The collaboration also facilitates skills development, microenterprise enhancement, and agro-livelihood projects aimed at improving economic opportunities and self-sufficiency among beneficiaries. By providing knowledge, training, and community-based interventions, RSU contributes to poverty reduction, community empowerment, and sustainable local development in support of Sustainable Development Goal 1 (No Poverty).

COMMUNITY

RSU Volunteers brave rough seas to serve Puro Island Community

On January 13, 2025, as part of its commitment to sustainable community development and poverty alleviation, Romblon State University conducted its first community outreach activity of the year through the University Community Engagement through Sustainable Services (UNICESS) program. Despite adverse weather conditions and rough sea currents, RSU officials, staff, and volunteers successfully delivered food packs, clothing, and footwear to approximately 100 residents of Puro Island, Barangay Guinbirayan, Sta. Fe, Romblon, a geographically isolated and disadvantaged area (GIDA). The initiative was made possible through donations collected during the Sustainable Giving Campaign and support from various university stakeholders. This outreach reflects RSU's continuing dedication to extending humanitarian assistance and fostering inclusive, resilient, and sustainable communities.



2 ZERO HUNGER



SDG 2 ZERO HUNGER

RSU strives to contribute to food security by advancing sustainable agricultural practices, promoting nutrition education, and supporting research that improves food production systems for the local and global community.

INSTRUCTION

RSU promotes Child Nutrition and Learning through the Nourish to Flourish Program

In celebration of National Children’s Month, the Supreme Student Council of Romblon State University - Main Campus, in partnership with the SSC of RSU Sta. Maria Campus, implemented the Nourish to Flourish Feeding, Literacy, and Wellness Program in Sitio Talamban, Barangay San Isidro, Santa Maria, Romblon. The initiative provided nutritious meals, literacy activities, and wellness sessions to children, supporting their physical health, learning, and overall well-being. Through this student-led outreach program, RSU helped promote healthy development and educational engagement among young learners while contributing to Sustainable Development Goal 2 (Zero Hunger). The activity reflects the University's commitment to fostering learning opportunities and improving the welfare of children in underserved communities.



Romblon State University - Agpudlos Campus
College of Agriculture, Forestry and Environmental Science
Agpudlos, San Andres, Romblon

ADMINISTRATION

RSU strengthens Agricultural Education through PCA Partnership

In September 2025, Romblon State University supported the participation of two College of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Environmental Sciences (CAFES) students and Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) scholarship recipients in the 39th Coco Week “Coconut for Life” General Forum held at the PCA Central Office in Quezon City. The activity reflects the University's commitment to strengthening partnerships with government agencies and expanding opportunities for student development through scholarship and industry engagement programs. Through its collaboration with the PCA, RSU continues to provide students with access to learning opportunities, professional networks, and capacity-building initiatives that support agricultural development and sustainability. This partnership contributes to the University's efforts to promote quality education, agricultural advancement, and sustainable community development.

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RESEARCH

RSU strengthens research collaboration in Organic Agriculture

Romblon State University, through the Office of the Vice President for Research, Extension, Development and Innovation (OVPREDI), participated in a multi-agency planning meeting with the Department of Agriculture (DA) MIMAROPA and local stakeholders to discuss the 11th Regional Organic Agriculture Congress (ROAC). Although the congress was subsequently canceled, participating agencies explored alternative platforms, including virtual and hybrid activities, to sustain knowledge exchange and collaboration. The meeting also identified priority areas for research, development, and innovation in organic agriculture, particularly for key commodities in the province. Through its active involvement, RSU reinforced its commitment to advancing agricultural research, promoting sustainable farming practices, and fostering partnerships that support food security and rural development in the region.



COMMUNITY

RSU extends Holistic Community Engagement to the Layag IP Community

Romblon State University conducted the LAYAG Community Engagement and Sustainable Giving Initiative in Sitio Layag, Barangay Tacloban, San Fernando, Romblon. The activity provided mental health awareness sessions, educational materials, and essential household items to the Layag Indigenous Peoples (IP) community. Despite the remote location and challenging terrain, RSU volunteers successfully delivered services and assistance to community members. The initiative promoted well-being, learning, and community empowerment while strengthening partnerships among university offices, local stakeholders, and volunteers. Through collaboration, volunteerism, and sustainable giving, RSU reaffirmed its commitment to serving geographically isolated communities and advancing inclusive and sustainable development.

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



SDG 3

Good Health & Well-being

RSU is dedicated to promoting health and well-being through comprehensive education, research in health sciences, and community engagement, ensuring access to quality health services and fostering healthier lifestyles.



INSTRUCTION

RSU strengthens Institutional Planning through Project SIMULA

On October 16–17, 2025, the College of Public Affairs and Governance (CPAG) of RSU San Agustin Campus conducted Project SIMULA: Strategic Institutional Management and Upliftment of Learning and Advancement at Balai Azinan, Calatrava. The two-day activity focused on strategic planning, SUC Leveling readiness, instructional quality improvement, and personnel well-being. Faculty and staff collaboratively developed key inputs for the College Plan while participating in activities that promoted teamwork, mental wellness, and organizational resilience. Through Project SIMULA, the campus strengthened its commitment to effective governance, continuous improvement, and academic excellence, ensuring that institutional goals are supported by a motivated and unified workforce.

ADMINISTRATION

RSU Leadership Champions Community Health through Annual Blood Donation Drive

Romblon State University strengthened its commitment to SDG 3 with the groundbreaking of the new Health and Wellness Building, alongside the CEAT Building and Learning Resource Center, on September 9, 2024. Led by the university's top officials, the ceremony marked RSU's continued investment in infrastructure that supports student well-being, access to health services, and a safe learning environment. Through this administrative initiative, RSU is expanding its capacity to provide quality health programs, wellness services, and supportive facilities for its academic community. The development of these buildings reflects RSU's dedication to promoting holistic well-being and ensuring that health remains at the center of its institutional priorities.



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RESEARCH

RSU Develops Research-Based Portable Device for Hyperhidrosis Relief

Researchers from Romblon State University published the peer-reviewed study “Best COVID-19 Health Management Practices in State Universities and Colleges: A Basis for a Proposed Health Framework.” The study examined effective health management practices among State Universities and Colleges in the MIMAROPA Region and proposed a framework focused on health information systems, innovation, contingency planning, and facility enhancement. The findings provide practical recommendations for strengthening institutional resilience and preparedness for future health emergencies, contributing to Sustainable Development Goal 3 (Good Health and Well-Being).



COMMUNITY

RSU conducts Community Needs Assessment for Sustainable Development

Romblon State University, through the Extension Services and Community Engagement Office and NSTP students, conducted a community needs assessment in six barangays in Odiongan, Romblon. The activity engaged local leaders and residents in identifying priority community concerns and resulted in the signing of six Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) to strengthen collaboration. The findings served as the basis for developing 36 community-based projects focused on health, education, digital literacy, environment, agriculture, and livelihood. Through this initiative, RSU promoted participatory community development and reinforced its commitment to creating sustainable and responsive programs that address local needs.



SDG 4

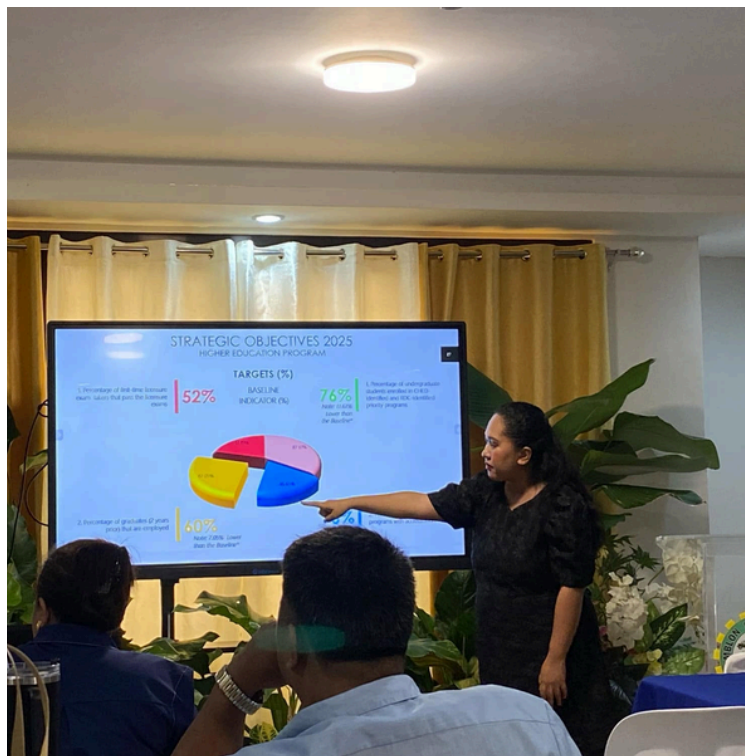
Quality Education

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INSTRUCTION

RSU conducts Academic Affairs performance and operations review

Romblon State University conducted the Academic Affairs Assessment: Performance, Target, and Operations Manual Review, bringing together campus directors and college deans from across the University. The activity reviewed academic performance, strategic priorities, and operational targets for Fiscal Year 2025 to ensure alignment with institutional goals and quality standards. Discussions focused on performance monitoring, academic excellence, continuous improvement, and accountability across academic units. The assessment also highlighted the importance of data-driven decision-making and performance-based incentives in strengthening service delivery and student outcomes. Through this initiative, RSU reinforced its commitment to effective governance, quality education, and institutional excellence.



ADMINISTRATION

RSU strengthens accountability through COA Inspection of BIOLab Project

Romblon State University strengthened its SDG 4 commitment by participating in the World University Ranking for Innovation (WURI) Global Conference held on September 24–25, 2024, in Seoul, South Korea. RSU's top officials engaged in global discussions on educational innovation and shared best practices with leading universities worldwide. The delegation presented two internationally ranked programs, Project RAISE and MEDIA CAMP, which helped secure RSU's strong national and global placements, including ranking 261st worldwide. Through this participation, RSU reinforced its dedication to educational excellence, global collaboration, and future-ready academic services.



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RESEARCH

RSU enhances research communication through COMM4WARD Training

Romblon State University participated in the COMM4WARD: Uniting Southern Tagalog for Strategic Communication of Innovation workshop under the SOUTH Mentorship Program at Cavite State University. The training strengthened the University's capacity for research communication, innovation promotion, and knowledge dissemination. Representing RSU were personnel from the Research, Development and Innovation Unit who gained valuable insights on strategic communication and stakeholder engagement. The activity supports the University's efforts to make research outputs more accessible and impactful while advancing innovation, quality education, and collaborative partnerships.



COMMUNITY

RSU promotes inclusive education through the iSign Project

Romblon State University, through the iSign Project and its partner agencies, conducted an Orientation and Installation Program for an Android-based educational mobile application designed to support the deaf and mute community. The initiative aimed to address communication barriers through technology while promoting inclusive and accessible learning opportunities. With the participation of approximately 200 beneficiaries, including educators, health workers, local government personnel, and members of the deaf community, the program showcased how digital innovation can enhance communication, awareness, and social inclusion. Through strong collaboration among academic institutions, government agencies, and local stakeholders, the iSign Project contributes to advancing quality education, reducing inequalities, and fostering inclusive community development.



SDG 5 Gender Equality

RSU is committed to fostering an inclusive academic and social environment that promotes equal opportunities, empowerment, and the active participation of all genders in leadership, decision-making, and educational opportunities.



INSTRUCTION

RSU strengthens commitment to Gender Equality and Safe Communities

Romblon State University, through the International Relations Office and partner agencies, conducted the Pride for the Planet 2025 environmental initiative in Barangay Tabing-Dagat, Odiongan, Romblon. The activity brought together university officials, employees, students, and volunteers in a coastal clean-up and beach forest tree-planting activity aimed at promoting environmental conservation and community participation. Through collective action and volunteerism, participants contributed to protecting coastal ecosystems and raising awareness on environmental sustainability. The initiative reflects RSU’s commitment to fostering environmental responsibility and empowering the community to take meaningful action for a greener and more sustainable future.



ADMINISTRATION

RSU strengthens commitment to Gender Equality and Safe Communities

The Romblon State University community joined the nationwide 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women through a flag-raising ceremony and solidarity activities led by the Gender and Development (GAD) Office. University officials, employees, and stakeholders reaffirmed their commitment to promoting respect, dignity, equality, and a violence-free environment for all. The activity highlighted the importance of collective action in preventing gender-based violence and fostering safe and inclusive spaces within the University and the wider community.

The ceremony concluded with a pledge-signing activity, demonstrating RSU’s continued commitment to gender equality, human rights, and social responsibility.



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RESEARCH

RSU researchers publish Climate Adaptation Study for Farming Communities

Faculty researchers from Romblon State University published the study “Adaptation Strategies to Climate Variability Used by Farming Households in Selected Municipalities in Romblon Province, Philippines” in the International Journal of Environmental Sciences, a Scopus-indexed journal. The research examined how farming households adapt to climate variability through strategies such as crop diversification, irrigation, mulching, and crop insurance. The findings highlighted the importance of financial support, access to resources, and gender-inclusive approaches in strengthening farmers’ adaptive capacities. By generating evidence-based recommendations for climate resilience and sustainable agriculture, the study contributes to addressing local environmental challenges and supporting sustainable rural development.



COMMUNITY

RSU promotes Inclusion and Gender Awareness through Coffee Break: Pride Special

Romblon State University, through its Gender and Development (GAD) Office and partner organizations, conducted Coffee Break Episode 4: Pride Special, a platform that fostered meaningful conversations on inclusion, diversity, and respect. The activity provided a safe space for participants to share experiences, raise awareness, and promote understanding of gender and identity issues within the university community. Through collaboration and open dialogue, the event strengthened RSU’s commitment to creating an inclusive and supportive environment where every individual is valued and respected. The initiative supports the University’s advocacy for gender equality, diversity, and social inclusion.

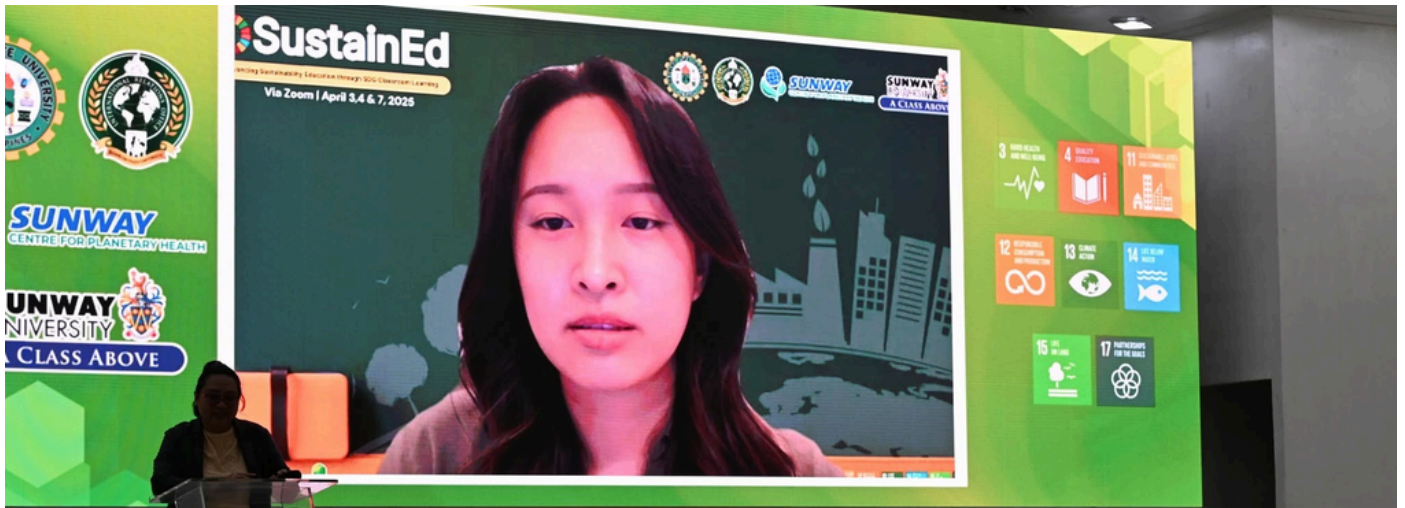
6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



SDG 6

Clean Water and Sanitation

RSU ensures that our research, education, and community outreach programs promote sustainable water management and access to clean water and sanitation for all, addressing both local and global challenges.



INSTRUCTION

RSU raises awareness on Microplastic Pollution through SustainEd 2025

As part of SustainEd 2025, Romblon State University conducted an educational session on microplastics and their environmental impacts, featuring Ms. Michelle Cheong of the Sunway Centre for Planetary Health, Sunway University Malaysia. The session increased awareness among students and faculty on the dangers of microplastic pollution and its effects on water resources, marine ecosystems, and human health. Through interactive discussions and assessments, participants gained a deeper understanding of the importance of reducing plastic waste and promoting sustainable practices. The activity strengthened environmental literacy and supported Sustainable Development Goal 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) by encouraging actions that contribute to cleaner and healthier water systems.

PROJECT LINIS : LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE FOR A NEAT AND IMPROVED SCHOOL COMMUNITY

OBJECTIVE To maintain neat, orderly campus environment and instill a sense of environmental responsibility and leadership among students.

DURATION & TIME This initiative is a **mandatory, year-long commitment** structured as a weekly activity. Each class must dedicate a minimum of **two (2) hours per week**, with the exact schedule flexibly determined based on the class's available vacant period to minimize disruption to instruction.

VENUE RSU San Agustin Campus (All premises and academic areas)

ACTION All student organizations and personnel are required to cooperate and integrate cleanliness initiatives into their regular activities.

ADMINISTRATION

RSU launches Project LINIS to promote Environmental Stewardship

Romblon State University launched Project LINIS (Leadership Initiative for a Neat and Improved School Community) as a year-long campus-wide program aimed at promoting cleanliness, environmental responsibility, and student leadership. Implemented through the collaboration of the Student Development and Services Office, university administration, and student organizations, the initiative encourages regular clean-up activities and the integration of environmental stewardship into campus life. Through sustained participation and collective action, Project LINIS fosters a clean, safe, and sustainable learning environment while strengthening the University's commitment to responsible resource management and environmental sustainability.

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RESEARCH

RSU presents SDG 6-Related Research at PHILARM International Congress 2025

From March 18–20, 2025, Romblon State University participated in the PHILARM International Congress 2025 in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, where university representatives presented research and development papers addressing various Sustainable Development Goals, including SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation). The congress provided a platform for sharing research findings, best practices, and innovations related to environmental sustainability and natural resource management. Through its participation, RSU strengthened international research collaboration, promoted knowledge exchange, and contributed to discussions on sustainable solutions that support the protection and responsible management of water and environmental resources.

COMMUNITY

RSU promotes Health and Wellness through World Health Day 2025

In celebration of World Health Day 2025, Romblon State University reaffirmed its commitment to promoting health, wellness, and sustainable living within the university and the wider community. Through awareness campaigns and advocacy efforts, RSU encouraged students, faculty, staff, and partners to adopt healthy lifestyles, support mental well-being, and contribute to creating healthier environments.

The initiative emphasized the importance of collective action in advancing public health and improving quality of life, reflecting the University's commitment to community well-being and sustainable development.



7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



SDG 7

Affordable and Clean Energy

RSU is committed to advancing research and innovation in renewable energy technologies, ensuring that our campus and surrounding communities transition to affordable, sustainable, and clean energy solutions.

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RESEARCH

RSU formalizes Solar Energy Program for Indigenous Communities

Romblon State University, through the College of Engineering and Technology, formalized its commitment to sustainable energy development by signing a Memorandum of Agreement for the Driving Sustainable Communities with Solar Energy Infrastructure program. Implemented in partnership with DOST, the Local Government of San Fernando, Barangay Taclobo, and the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), the initiative aims to improve access to clean and renewable energy for the Sibuyan Mangyan Tagabukid (SMT) Layag Tribe and the Layag Cultural Minority School. The program supports research-based community innovation through the installation of solar energy infrastructure, helping improve access to electricity, strengthen local infrastructure, and reduce energy inequality.

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ADMINISTRATION

RSU strengthens Sustainable Campus Initiatives through Project Iwag

On June 27, 2025, the Supreme Student Council of Romblon State University–Romblon Campus officially turned over Project Iwag, a solar lighting initiative, to the newly elected student leaders. The project promotes the use of clean and renewable energy by providing reliable solar-powered lighting that benefits students, faculty, and the campus community. Led by the student government with the support of campus administration, the initiative demonstrates responsible leadership, environmental stewardship, and the University's commitment to sustainable campus operations. Through Project Iwag, RSU continues to encourage student-led initiatives that advance renewable energy and sustainable development.



COMMUNITY

RSU advances Renewable Energy Innovation through Community Solar Project

Romblon State University, in partnership with the Municipal Government of San Fernando and DOST-PSTO Romblon, launched a community-based renewable energy initiative in Sitio Layag, Barangay Taclobo. The activity featured the demonstration of a solar charging device developed by the College of Engineering and Technology and the groundbreaking of the Driving Sustainable Communities with Solar Energy Infrastructure project. The initiative highlights RSU's commitment to research, innovation, and technology transfer by promoting clean and renewable energy solutions for underserved communities. Through collaborative research and stakeholder partnerships, the project supports sustainable energy access and community resilience in line with Sustainable Development Goal 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy).

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



SDG 8

Decent Work and Economic Growth

RSU promotes sustainable economic growth by equipping students with the skills needed for the evolving workforce, fostering entrepreneurship, and supporting local industries through research, innovation, and partnerships.

INSTRUCTION

RSU equips students for Future Employment through JOPS 2025

Through the Job Orientation and Placement Seminar (JOPS) 2025, Romblon State University, through RSU CARES, conducted the SPARK: Shaping Professional Futures – Career Readiness and Knowledge in the Age of AI seminar for students of the Santa Maria Campus. The activity enhanced students' employability by providing career guidance, job readiness skills, and insights into the evolving workplace shaped by artificial intelligence.

By preparing students for future employment opportunities and lifelong career development, RSU strengthened its commitment to producing competent, industry-ready graduates in support of Sustainable Development Goal 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth).



RESEARCH

RSU strengthens technology transfer through National Valuation Training

Romblon State University participated in the National Valuation Training held from August 25–29, 2025, at Benguet State University to strengthen its capacity in technology transfer and innovation commercialization. Representing the University, its Technology Transfer Officer received specialized training on technology valuation methods and strategies for assessing the commercial potential of research outputs. The knowledge gained will support RSU in protecting intellectual property, enhancing technology commercialization, and increasing the societal impact of research innovations.

This initiative reinforces the University's commitment to advancing research, innovation, and technology transfer for sustainable development.



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ADMINISTRATION

RSU strengthens human resource capacity through Employee Orientation Program

The Romblon State University Human Resource Management Office conducted an Orientation/Re-orientation, Gender Sensitivity, and Data Privacy Law Seminar for newly hired and promoted regular employees. The program equipped participants with essential knowledge on university policies, quality management, research and extension, employee benefits, performance evaluation, gender sensitivity, and data privacy. Through this capacity-building initiative, RSU strengthened employee competence, ethical governance, and institutional effectiveness while fostering a culture of professionalism, continuous learning, and quality public service. The activity reflects the University's commitment to developing a knowledgeable and empowered workforce in support of sustainable institutional development.

COMMUNITY

RSU promotes Youth Empowerment through Community Partnerships

Romblon State University participated in community-based initiatives that promoted youth empowerment, employability, and civic engagement through the 31st TESDA Anniversary Celebration and National Tech-Voc Day and the Linggo ng Kabataan 2025. In collaboration with government agencies and local partners, students and alumni accessed career opportunities, technical skills demonstrations, entrepreneurship activities, and essential public services.

These initiatives strengthened community partnerships while empowering young people with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities needed for employment, leadership, and sustainable community development.



YOUTH EMPOWERMENT & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
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College of Social Development and Behavioral Sciences
IBLON CAMPUS
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9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



SDG 9

Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

RSU drives innovation by supporting research in sustainable industrial practices and infrastructure development, ensuring that our students and faculty contribute to resilient, sustainable, and inclusive industrial growth.

INSTRUCTION

RSU strengthens sustainability education through SDG Webinar Series

Romblon State University, in collaboration with Sunway University, conducted an SDG Series webinar on developing green skills for a sustainable future. The session featured Dr. Yeoh Keat Hoe of the Jeffrey Sachs Center on Sustainable Development, who discussed the role of education in equipping learners with sustainability competencies and preparing them for emerging green careers. The webinar enhanced participants' understanding of sustainable development, environmental responsibility, and future workforce demands while promoting international collaboration in sustainability education.

Through initiatives such as this, RSU integrates sustainability concepts into learning and prepares students and educators to contribute to a greener and more resilient future.

SDG SERIES
TALKS ON SUSTAINABILITY

DR. YEOH KEAT HOE
Associate Professor, Jeffrey Sachs Center
on Sustainable Development
Sunway University

TOPIC:
**GREEN SKILLS AND GREEN JOBS:
PREPARING TODAY'S LEARNERS FOR
TOMORROW'S SUSTAINABLE CAREERS**

FRIDAY
August 15, 2025

TIME
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

REGISTER NOW



ADMINISTRATION

RSU strengthens Infrastructure Governance through RPMT Monitoring Visit

Romblon State University welcomed the MIMAROPA Regional Project Monitoring Team (RPMT) for the field monitoring visit of the ongoing College of Business, Accountancy, and Technopreneurship (CBAT) Building project. The activity assessed the project's implementation, construction progress, compliance with government standards, and adherence to approved timelines. Conducted in collaboration with regional government agencies and the University's Institutional and Physical Planning and Development Office (IPPDO), the monitoring visit reinforced transparency, accountability, and effective infrastructure management. Through regular project evaluation and inter-agency collaboration, RSU continues to ensure the delivery of quality facilities that support teaching, research, innovation, and public service.

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RESEARCH

RSU strengthens Innovation and Technology Commercialization Capacity

From August 5–7, 2025, Romblon State University participated in the SOUTH Mentorship Program workshop on Navigating Product-Market Fit in Agri-Aqua Technologies at Cavite State University. The training enhanced the University's research and innovation capabilities by strengthening expertise in intellectual property management, technology valuation, commercialization, and agribusiness. The activity supports the development of RSU's Intellectual Property and Technology Business Management (IPTBM) system, enabling research outputs to be protected, commercialized, and translated into practical solutions that benefit communities and industry. Through this initiative, RSU continues to promote innovation-driven research and technology transfer in support of Sustainable Development Goal 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure).



COMMUNITY

RSU enhances Learning Facilities through LGU Partnership

On September 23, 2025, Romblon State University–Romblon Campus received infrastructure support from the Local Government Unit of Romblon through an in-kind donation amounting to ₱500,000. The completed projects included the construction of a comfort room at the Learning Resource Center, rehabilitation of the Student Affairs Office, beautification of the Student Lounge, and installation of campus sports facilities. These enhancements provide students with a safer, more accessible, and conducive learning environment that supports academic success and student well-being. The initiative demonstrates the value of partnerships in strengthening educational facilities and improving the overall quality of instruction and campus services.



SDG 10

Reduced Inequalities

RSU is committed to reducing inequalities within and among communities by fostering an inclusive academic culture and implementing programs that promote social, economic, and political inclusion for all.



INSTRUCTION

RSU celebrates Pride for the Planet 2025 through Environmental and Inclusion Advocacy

Romblon State University successfully conducted Pride for the Planet 2025, bringing together students, faculty, and community members in a celebration of environmental stewardship, creativity, and inclusivity. Through competitions in spoken poetry, photography, eco-art, and Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)-inspired fashion, participants showcased innovative ideas and artistic expressions that promoted environmental awareness and respect for diversity.

The event fostered community participation while strengthening the University's commitment to sustainability, equality, and collective action for a more inclusive and environmentally responsible society.

ADMINISTRATION

RSU President Mani Recognized as Outstanding Volunteer by NEDA MIMAROPA

In celebration of National Women's Month 2025, Romblon State University, through the Extension Services and Community Engagement Office, reaffirmed its commitment to promoting gender equality, women's empowerment, and inclusive development. The celebration recognized the vital contributions of women as leaders, educators, professionals, caregivers, and community changemakers while advocating for equal opportunities and respect for women's rights.

Through this institutional initiative, RSU strengthened its commitment to fostering an inclusive campus culture that values diversity, equity, and the meaningful participation of women in all sectors of society.



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RESEARCH

RSU publishes Innovative Filipino Sign Language Learning Application

Faculty members and students from Romblon State University's College of Computing, Multimedia Arts, and Digital Innovation successfully published the study "ISENYAS: A Basic Filipino Sign Language Educational Mobile Application for Deaf and Mute" in the peer-reviewed Open Access Journal of Artificial Intelligence and Technology. The research developed an Android-based educational mobile application that supports Filipino Sign Language learning through interactive modules covering the alphabet, numbers, vocabulary, common words, communication, and nursery rhymes. This publication demonstrates RSU's commitment to developing innovative technologies that promote accessibility, educational inclusion, and meaningful research with community impact.



COMMUNITY

RSU promotes inclusive communities through the iSign Project

On May 8, 2025, Romblon State University launched the Orientation and Installation Program for the iSign Project, an extension initiative designed to improve communication accessibility for the deaf and hard-of-hearing community through an Android-based educational mobile application. Implemented in partnership with government agencies and local stakeholders, the program brought together over 200 participants, including educators, health workers, local officials, and members of the deaf community. Through technology, capacity-building, and inclusive partnerships, the initiative promoted equal access to communication, education, and public services while fostering a more inclusive and equitable community. The iSign Project reflects RSU's commitment to reducing inequalities and empowering marginalized sectors through innovation and community engagement.

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



SDG 11

Sustainable Cities and Communities

RSU supports sustainable urban development through research, education, and community engagement, ensuring that cities and communities are inclusive, safe, resilient, and environmentally sustainable.

INSTRUCTION

RSU strengthens Sustainable Education through Curriculum Internationalization

On July 11, 2025, Romblon State University conducted a Curriculum Internationalization Workshop to strengthen faculty capacity in integrating global perspectives and sustainable development into teaching and learning. The workshop equipped participants with strategies for designing internationalized and SDG-responsive curricula, including the integration of the Sustainable Development Goals into classroom instruction. Participants also explored innovative teaching approaches that promote global citizenship, intercultural understanding, and sustainability competencies. The activity encouraged faculty to develop learning experiences that address real-world challenges while preparing students for an increasingly interconnected world.

Through collaborative syllabus development and discussions on global engagement, the initiative enhanced the University's commitment to producing graduates who are equipped to contribute to sustainable, inclusive, and resilient communities at the local and global levels.



ADMINISTRATION

RSU promotes Sustainable Campus Greening through TarPots Initiative

On July 31, 2025, the Romblon State University Sustainable Development Goals Center launched the TarPots Making Activity with the theme "Turning Used Tarpaulins into Eco-Friendly Planting Pots for Campus Greening." The initiative engaged university officials, employees, students, and campus offices in transforming discarded tarpaulins into reusable planting pots, promoting sustainable waste management and campus greening. By encouraging resource reuse, environmental stewardship, and collaborative participation, the activity strengthened RSU's commitment to creating a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable campus while fostering responsible environmental practices within the University community.

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RESEARCH

RSU strengthens research collaboration through PAEPI Membership

Romblon State University became an Institutional Member of the Philippine Association of Extension Program Implementers, Inc. (PAEPI), strengthening its research and extension networks at the national level. Through this membership, the University expands opportunities for collaborative research, knowledge exchange, capacity-building, and the dissemination of evidence-based practices that address community development challenges. The partnership also provides a platform for faculty and researchers to engage in collaborative projects, present research outputs, and adopt innovative approaches that enhance the impact of extension initiatives. By strengthening its linkages with extension practitioners and higher education institutions across the country, RSU continues to advance research-driven solutions that promote sustainable, inclusive, and resilient community development.



RSU is now an Institutional Member of the Philippine Association of Extension Program Implementers (PAEPI)



COMMUNITY

RSU promotes community resilience through Earthquake Preparedness

Romblon State University–San Fernando Campus conducted a campus-wide earthquake drill to strengthen disaster preparedness and resilience among students, faculty, and staff. The activity provided practical training on emergency response procedures, including the "Duck, Cover, and Hold" technique and safe evacuation protocols, enabling participants to respond effectively during earthquakes. By fostering disaster awareness, preparedness, and a culture of shared responsibility, the initiative empowered the university community with essential life-saving knowledge and skills. Through regular emergency preparedness activities, RSU continues to build a safer, more resilient, and disaster-ready community in support of Sustainable Development Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities).



12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



SDG 12

Responsible Consumption and Production

RSU is dedicated to promoting sustainable consumption and production practices by integrating environmental responsibility into our curriculum, research, and campus operations, and by supporting sustainable business models.



INSTRUCTION

RSU fosters environmental responsibility through Volunteer-Led Clean-Up Drive

On December 1, 2025, Romblon State University–Cajidiocan Campus conducted a university-wide clean-up drive in celebration of National Volunteer Month, engaging faculty, staff, students, and student organizations in environmental stewardship activities. The initiative served as an experiential learning opportunity that promoted proper waste management, responsible consumption, and volunteerism while encouraging participants to adopt sustainable practices in their daily lives. Through active participation, students developed a stronger sense of environmental responsibility and civic engagement, reinforcing the University's commitment to sustainability education and responsible resource management.



ADMINISTRATION

RSU advances campus sustainability through the Tarpots Initiative

On July 31, 2025, Romblon State University conducted the Tarpots Making Activity in celebration of Plastic-Free July, reinforcing the University's commitment to plastic reduction and sustainable campus practices. Led by the International Relations Office and the Sustainable Development Goals Center, the initiative brought together university officials, faculty, staff, students, and partner offices in transforming discarded tarpaulins into reusable planting pots for campus greening. The activity promoted waste reduction, urban greening, and environmental stewardship while demonstrating effective collaboration among university units. Through initiatives such as Tarpots, RSU continues to institutionalize sustainability in campus operations and strengthen its commitment to responsible resource management and environmental conservation

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RESERACH

RSU advances Sustainable Waste Management through Junk Compactor Technology

On December 2, 2025, Romblon State University–Romblon Campus implemented the Solid Waste Management through Junk Compactor Technology Project, led by Dr. Ruel Virgil M. Adriguez and Ms. Joy Mariz Mesana, with support from the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Romblon. The project introduced an innovative waste compactor technology accompanied by training to strengthen solid waste management practices through proper waste segregation, waste volume reduction, and resource recovery. The initiative also promotes research-based solutions for sustainable campus waste management while supporting local environmental policies and contributing to the conservation of Romblon's natural and tourism resources. Through collaboration with DOST, RSU continues to advance research and technology-driven innovations that address environmental challenges and promote sustainable communities.



COMMUNITY

RSU promotes Responsible Consumption through Experiential Learning

Romblon State University–San Andres Campus provided students with a hands-on entrepreneurial learning experience by allowing them to produce, market, and sell food products within the campus. The activity strengthened students' practical knowledge of entrepreneurship, budgeting, product development, and responsible business practices while reinforcing the importance of food safety and healthy consumption through guidance from the Health Services Office.

By integrating sustainability, health, and entrepreneurship into experiential learning, the initiative encouraged responsible production and consumption practices while preparing students with real-world skills for future economic opportunities.





SDG 13 Climate Action

RSU is committed to combating climate change by advancing education and research in climate science, reducing the university's carbon footprint, and engaging in climate action initiatives both locally and globally.



INSTRUCTION

RSU celebrates Earth Day 2025 through Community Clean-Up Drive

In celebration of Earth Day 2025, Romblon State University joined the simultaneous community clean-up drive organized by the Local Government Unit of San Fernando through the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO). Faculty, staff, students, and volunteers participated in the activity, demonstrating collective action to promote environmental protection, proper waste management, and climate awareness.

The initiative strengthened community participation in maintaining a clean and healthy environment while encouraging sustainable practices that contribute to climate change mitigation. Through partnerships and volunteerism, RSU continues to support local environmental initiatives and foster a culture of environmental responsibility within the community.

ADMINISTRATION

RSU Advances Sustainable Digital Transformation Through PNPKI Implementation

Romblon State University adopted the Philippine National Public Key Infrastructure (PNPKI) Digital Signature as its official platform for signing institutional records and documents, strengthening secure, efficient, and paperless administrative processes. By replacing traditional paper-based transactions with legally recognized digital signatures, the University reduces paper consumption, minimizes document transportation, and promotes environmentally sustainable office operations. Through its digital transformation efforts, RSU continues to build a more sustainable, innovative, and environmentally responsible institution.

RSU Memorandum

Support of Romblon State University's goal to digitize all institutional records, documents, and to ensure secure, efficient, and legally compliant electronic transactions, all employees are hereby encouraged to apply for and use the Philippine National Public Key Infrastructure (PNPKI) as their official digital signature.

PNPKI digital signature, issued by the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), is legally recognized as equivalent to a call or handwritten signature pursuant to Republic Act No. 8792, or the Electronic Commerce Act of 2000. Section 8 and 11 of this law affirm that digital signatures have the same legal effect as signatures affixed manually, provided they are issued in a manner that assures their integrity and authenticity - standards by PNPKI.

- Use PNPKI?
- Legally Binding** - Equivalent to a physical signature under RA 8792
- Secure & Trusted** - Ensures signer identity and prevents tampering or forgery
- Portable** - Allows you to sign documents anytime, anywhere using your computer
- Environmentally Responsible** - Helps reduce paper use and promotes sustainability
- Supports Digital Transformation** - Enables faster processing of official documents

Use of PNPKI enhances accountability and streamlines transactions by digital documents approval and signing more secure and verifiable.

Be guided accordingly and refer to the attached **DPO Advisory No. 004**, for detailed instructions on how to apply for your PNPKI digital signature.

13 CLIMATE ACTION



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RESEARCH

RSU research recognized for Advancing Climate Action through Renewable Energy

Romblon State University earned recognition at the 13th Research, Development, and Extension (RDE) Conference and Pitching Competition for its extension project on renewable energy. The award-winning initiative, "Hands-On Training, Demonstration, Installation, and Turnover of a Solar-Powered Portable Cellphone Charging Station for the Indigenous Community in a Remote Area of the Province of Romblon," demonstrates the University's commitment to climate action through the adoption of clean and sustainable energy technologies. By promoting renewable energy solutions for underserved communities, the project contributes to reducing dependence on conventional energy sources while strengthening climate resilience and sustainable community development.



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COMMUNITY

RSU strengthens climate action through Community Mangrove Planting

Romblon State University–San Agustin Campus partnered with the Philippine Coast Guard Sub-Station San Agustin in conducting a mangrove planting activity at Sitio Can-Apiag, Barangay Carmen, San Agustin, Romblon. Led by fourth-year Bachelor of Science in Criminology students, the initiative contributed to coastal ecosystem restoration, climate change mitigation, and biodiversity conservation.

By engaging students in environmental stewardship through collaboration with government partners, the activity reinforced RSU's commitment to climate action and sustainable community development.



SDG 14

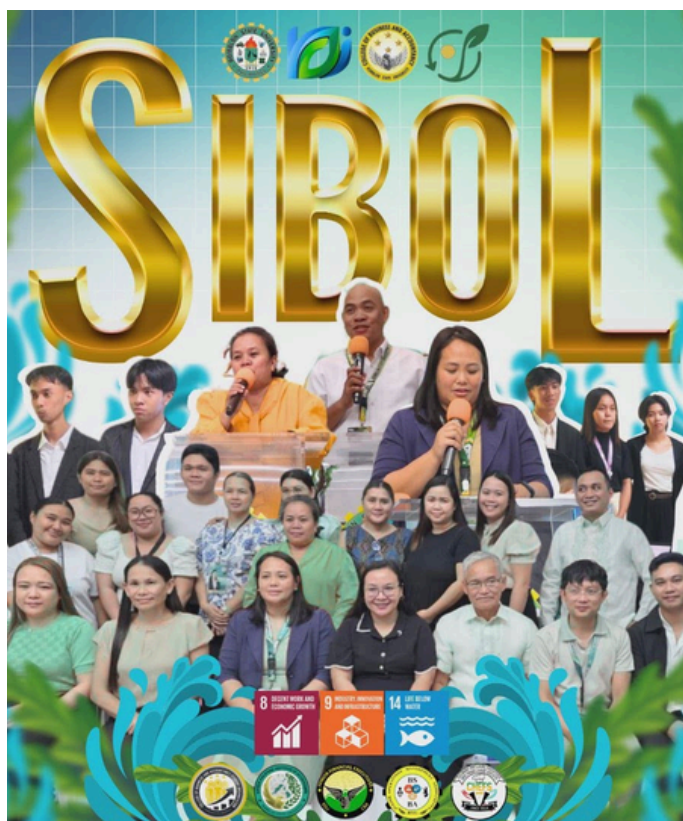
Life Below Water

RSU actively supports the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and marine resources through research, education, and community outreach, addressing the pressing challenges facing marine ecosystems.

INSTRUCTION

RSU strengthens Environmental Education on Pollution and Marine Sustainability

As part of SustainEd: Advancing Sustainability Education through SDG Classroom Learning, Romblon State University conducted a learning session on Environmental Pollution and Its Impact, featuring Dr. Fatimah Ahamad of the Sunway Centre for Planetary Health. The session enhanced participants' understanding of the effects of air, water, and soil pollution on human health, biodiversity, and aquatic ecosystems through evidence-based discussions and real-world research. By promoting environmental literacy and encouraging sustainable practices, the initiative strengthened learners' awareness of the importance of protecting marine and freshwater ecosystems and fostering responsible environmental stewardship.



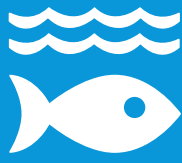
RESEARCH

RSU advances Marine Sustainability Research through SIBOL 2025

The College of Business and Accountancy of Romblon State University conducted SIBOL 2025: Unang Pagsibol, highlighting student research and innovation on sustainable livelihood opportunities with a special focus on seaweeds and other marine-based resources. Through research proposals, innovation pitches, and thought papers, students explored sustainable approaches to utilizing coastal and marine resources while promoting environmental stewardship and economic resilience.

The initiative strengthened research on the sustainable use of marine ecosystems, encouraging innovative solutions that support coastal communities, responsible resource management, and the long-term conservation of marine biodiversity.

14 LIFE BELOW WATER



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ADMINISTRATION

RSU strengthens Sustainable Campus Operations through TSIK Eco-Love Advocacy Campaign

Romblon State University–Romblon Campus implemented the Tipanan sa Inang Kalikasan (TSIK) and Eco Love Advocacy Campaign to reinforce sustainable environmental practices across the campus. Led by the campus administration in partnership with faculty, staff, students, volunteers, and the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO), the initiative promoted proper waste segregation, recycling, upcycling, and the reduction of single-use plastics through campus-wide environmental activities. The campaign strengthened institutional efforts to improve solid waste management, encourage responsible resource use, and cultivate a culture of environmental responsibility, demonstrating RSU's commitment to sustainable campus operations and responsible consumption practices.



COMMUNITY

RSU Volunteers promote clean water through Coastal Clean-Up Drive

The Romblon State University Student Volunteer Organization (SVO), in partnership with Tau Gamma Phi–RSU Main Chapter, conducted a coastal clean-up drive in Barangay Canduyong to promote environmental stewardship and protect local water resources. Faculty, students, and volunteers worked together to collect solid waste along the shoreline and remove debris from coastal waters, helping reduce pollution and improve the cleanliness of the coastal environment. Beyond the clean-up activity, the initiative raised awareness on proper waste disposal, responsible environmental practices, and the importance of preserving marine and coastal ecosystems.

Through volunteerism and community collaboration, RSU continues to empower communities to take an active role in protecting water resources and promoting a cleaner, healthier, and more sustainable environment.



SDG 15

Life on Land

RSU is dedicated to protecting, restoring, and promoting the sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems by advancing research and initiatives that promote biodiversity, reforestation, and responsible land use practices.

INSTRUCTION

RSU promotes environmental sustainability education through SDG Talks

In celebration of ASEAN Month and International Youth Day, Romblon State University conducted the SDG Talks and International Youth Day Celebration to strengthen sustainability education among students and young leaders. Centered on the theme “Green Skills and Green Jobs: Preparing Today’s Learners for Tomorrow’s Sustainable Career,” the event equipped participants with knowledge on environmental sustainability, green employment, and the role of youth in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals.

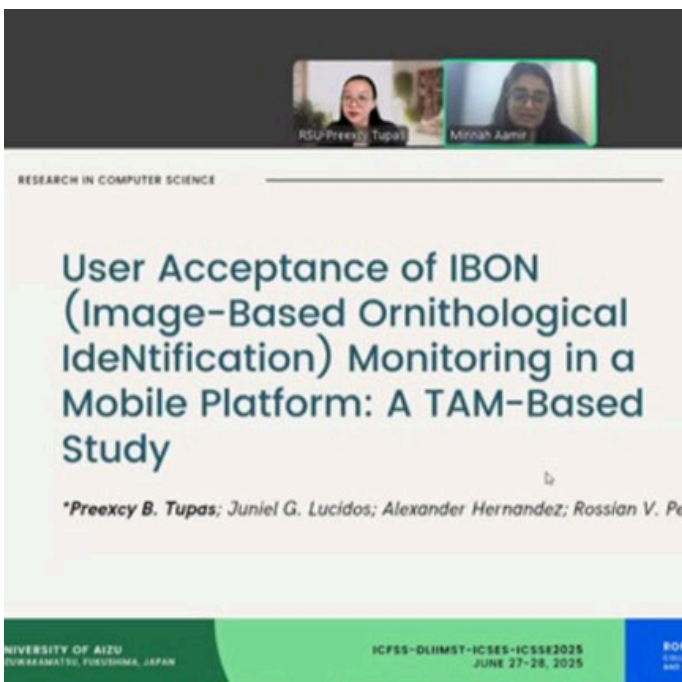
Through expert discussions and student sharing of international learning experiences, the initiative enhanced learners' environmental awareness, encouraged responsible stewardship of natural resources, and inspired future professionals to contribute to sustainable and resilient communities.



RESEARCH

RSU showcases Biodiversity Research at an International Conference

Romblon State University presented its research, "User Acceptance of IBON (Image-Based Ornithological Identification) Monitoring in a Mobile Platform: A TAM-Based Study," during the DLIIMST-ICSES-ICSSE2025 International ETLTC Global Conference Series at the University of Aizu, Japan. The study explores the use of mobile technology to support bird identification and monitoring, promoting the documentation and conservation of avian biodiversity through digital innovation. By advancing technology-enabled biodiversity monitoring and sharing research on an international platform, RSU contributes to the protection of terrestrial ecosystems, supports evidence-based conservation efforts, and reinforces its commitment to Sustainable Development Goal 15: Life on Land.





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ADMINISTRATION

RSU strengthens sustainability learning through International Academic Exposure

Romblon State University facilitated the participation of its DUSEC 2025 delegates in the Comprehensive Learning Integrated Program (CLIP) at Dalhousie University–Faculty of Agriculture, providing students with exposure to advanced facilities in aquaculture, animal nutrition, agricultural engineering, and sustainable livestock production. Through institutional support for international academic engagement, the University strengthened students' understanding of sustainable natural resource management, biodiversity conservation, and responsible agricultural practices. This initiative reflects RSU's commitment to expanding global learning opportunities that enhance environmental stewardship and support the conservation and sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems.



COMMUNITY

RSU Supports Biodiversity Conservation Through Mangrove Planting

Romblon State University–San Agustin Campus participated in the Municipal Arbor Day celebration through a mangrove planting activity in Sitio Palje, Barangay Cagbo-aya, San Agustin, Romblon. In partnership with the local government and other stakeholders, students, faculty, and staff planted mangrove seedlings to restore coastal habitats, protect biodiversity, and strengthen ecosystem resilience. The initiative promoted environmental stewardship while encouraging community participation in conserving natural resources and safeguarding terrestrial and coastal ecosystems for future generations.

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



SDG 16

Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

RSU fosters a peaceful, just, and inclusive society by promoting ethical governance, academic freedom, and transparency within the institution, ensuring that all students and stakeholders contribute to building strong and accountable institutions.



INSTRUCTION

Promoting ASEAN Citizenship and Global Understanding through Education

Romblon State University conducted its 2024 Management Review on October 17–18 at the Learning Resource Center, gathering top officials and unit heads to evaluate the university’s academic, administrative, and support systems. Led by President Dr. Merian P. Catajay-Mani and facilitated by the Quality Assurance Office, the review examined stakeholder feedback, audit findings, service conformity, and progress on previous action plans. The review also assessed the effectiveness of the University’s Quality Management System, identified areas for improvement, and established strategic directions to enhance institutional performance and service delivery. Through evidence-based decision-making and collaborative planning, university leaders reinforced a culture of accountability, transparency, and operational excellence.



ADMINISTRATION

RSU Leads Regional Sustainability Governance Dialogue

Romblon State University spearheaded a regional sustainability dialogue during CHED MIMAROPA’s USBONG 2025, bringing together higher education institutions to strengthen governance, sustainability, and internationalization. Through presentations, policy discussions, and collaborative workshops, RSU shared its institutional practices on Sustainable Development Goal integration, strategic leadership, and policy-driven approaches that support accountable and effective institutional governance. The activity also facilitated the development of sustainability projects and institutional policies among participating HEIs, reinforcing collaboration, knowledge sharing, and evidence-based decision-making. Through its leadership in regional capacity building and policy dialogue, RSU continues to promote strong institutions and collaborative governance for sustainable development.



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RESEARCH

Strengthening Innovation Governance through International Knowledge Exchange

Romblon State University conducted a virtual debriefing session to share key insights from the GovInsider Festival of Innovation in Singapore and integrate international best practices into institutional strategies. The session emphasized ethical innovation, interoperability, responsible technology adoption, and data privacy to strengthen governance and public service delivery. It also opened opportunities for collaboration with the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) on emerging technologies. Through this initiative, RSU promotes accountable governance, innovation, and evidence-based decision-making in support of stronger public institutions.



COMMUNITY

RSU strengthens Local Governance through Capacity-Building for Barangay Officials

The College of Arts and Sciences of Romblon State University conducted a capability-building seminar for barangay officials of Santa Fe on parliamentary procedures and technical writing. The training enhanced participants' competencies in legislative processes, drafting internal rules of procedure, preparing meeting minutes, and developing official resolutions, promoting professionalism, transparency, and effective local governance.

Through this community extension initiative, RSU strengthened the capacities of local leaders to deliver responsive public service and reinforced its commitment to building accountable, inclusive, and effective institutions within the community.



17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



SDG 17

Partnerships for the Goals

RSU is dedicated to protecting, restoring, and promoting the sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems by advancing research and initiatives that promote biodiversity, reforestation, and responsible land use practices.



INSTRUCTION

Strengthening global learning through Collaborative Online Education

Romblon State University and Dalhousie University officially launched their first Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) session, providing students and faculty with opportunities to exchange knowledge and best practices in agriculture, innovation, and emerging industry challenges. The initiative strengthened academic collaboration through international classroom engagement and interdisciplinary learning, with the participation of the Department of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering. By fostering cross-border partnerships, knowledge sharing, and collaborative learning, the COIL program enhances global competencies and reinforces RSU's commitment to internationalization and Sustainable Development Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goals.



ADMINISTRATION

Strengthening institutional partnerships for Higher Education Internationalization

Romblon State University, in partnership with Fulbright Philippines and the U.S. Embassy in the Philippines, conducted the Unlocking Global Gateways Training-Workshop on Internationalization to strengthen the capacity of higher education institutions in advancing internationalization. The workshop brought together internationalization leaders to exchange best practices, strengthen institutional partnerships, and explore opportunities for global collaboration and academic mobility. Through this initiative, RSU reinforces its commitment to building strategic partnerships, promoting knowledge exchange, and advancing internationalization in higher education.

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SDG 17

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RESEARCH

Strengthening International Research Partnerships through global engagement

Romblon State University participated in the PHILARM International Congress 2025 in Vietnam, where its delegates presented research management papers highlighting internationalization and sustainable development. The congress also provided a platform for knowledge exchange, collaboration, and the sharing of best practices in research, development, and extension. During the event, RSU formalized a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Saigon Business School and the Philippine School of Business Administration, strengthening international collaboration in research, academic exchange, and institutional development. This initiative reinforces RSU's commitment to expanding global research partnerships and advancing collaborative research for sustainable development.

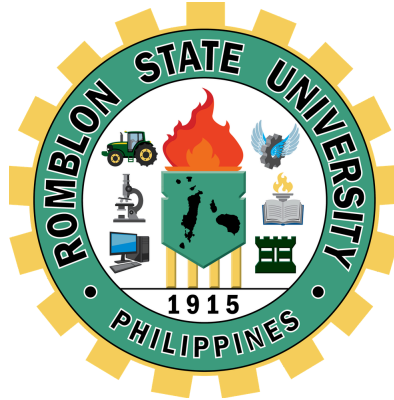


COMMUNITY

Strengthening partnerships for Inclusive Sign Language Education

Romblon State University launched the iSign mobile application through the collaboration of the College of Computing, Multimedia Arts and Digital Innovation, Odiongan National High School, the Gender and Development Office, the SDG Center, and other partners. The initiative brought together educators, students, and advocates to promote Filipino Sign Language education and inclusive learning through technology. The launch also encouraged collaboration among academic institutions, disability advocates, and technology experts to further enhance the application and expand its accessibility. By working together to address communication barriers, RSU demonstrates the value of multi-stakeholder partnerships in developing innovative and inclusive solutions for the community. Through these collaborative efforts, the University advances accessible, inclusive, and sustainable education for persons with hearing and speech disabilities.





VISION

A research-based academic institution committed to excellence and service nurturing globally competitive workforce towards sustainable development.

MISSION

RSU shall nurture an academic environment that provides advanced education, higher technological and professional instruction and technical expertise in agriculture and fishery, forestry, engineering and technology, education, humanities sciences, and other relevant fields of study and shall bridge boundaries across other institutions and communities through responsive, relevant and research-based extension services.

