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## UNIVERSITY MEMORANDUM

MEMO NO. : Memo 24-25:80  
DATE : May 7, 2025  
TO : The AdZU Community  
SUBJECT : **2025 National and Local Elections**

In accordance with **Presidential Proclamation No. 878**, which declares **Monday, 12 May 2025**, a **special (non-working) holiday throughout the country** to enable the Filipino people to properly exercise their right to vote, there will be **no work and no classes across all units and campuses** of Ateneo de Zamboanga University.

As a **Filipino, Catholic, and Jesuit university** that seeks to form persons for and with others, AdZU stands firmly for active, hope-filled participation in public life. We engage this electoral moment not with indifference but with discernment—believing that **our faith calls us to help build a society where human dignity, justice, and the common good prevail**. At the same time, we walk with people of all faiths and backgrounds who share this commitment to a better future.

**Pope Francis** taught that politics—despite its messiness—can be “*one of the highest forms of charity*” when it seeks the good of all. Voting, then, is not only a democratic right but also a moral responsibility. It is an act of love for our neighbor and a gesture of hope in our shared future. As a university community, **let us vote with conscience, guided not by fear or self-interest, but by truth, compassion, and a genuine concern for the most vulnerable**.

To assist in this, we are pleased to launch the **Zamboanga City 2025 Voters Guide**, a digital platform designed to support informed, thoughtful, and values-based decision-making.

Access the guide here: [bit.ly/adzuvote2025](http://bit.ly/adzuvote2025)

You may also scan the QR code below for quick access:



This website includes:

- 2025 Midterm Elections Calendar
- Precinct Finder Links
- Voting Process Guide
- Sample Ballots for Zamboanga City
- Philippine Election Laws
- #dAZurv Vozes Atenista Survey Results
- Voter Registration Information
- Candidate Profiles (Mayor, Vice Mayor, Representatives, Councilors, Party-List, Senators)

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy, accessibility, and completeness of the information provided in the Voters Guide, some candidate profiles may reflect gaps due to limited publicly available data at the time of publication. In addition, users may occasionally encounter broken links or connectivity issues beyond our immediate control. All omissions, inaccuracies, or technical errors are unintentional. We encourage users to report any concerns or corrections directly to the **AdZU Social Development Unit** (thru Mr. Troy Lim: [limtroa@adzu.edu.ph](mailto:limtroa@adzu.edu.ph)).

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As we head to the polls, may we be guided by discernment, shaped by love of neighbor, and moved by our calling to be **agents of justice and hope** in our city and nation—*Pro Deo et Patria*.

(ORIGINAL SIGNED)

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