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## UNIVERSITY MEMORANDUM

MEMO NO. : Memo 24-25:18  
DATE : September 13, 2025  
TO : The AdZU Community  
SUBJECT : **PAASCU Re-Accreditation of the School of Medicine**

With great joy and gratitude, I am pleased to announce that the **Ateneo de Zamboanga University School of Medicine (AdZU-SOM)** has been granted **Level II Re-Accreditation** by the **Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities (PAASCU)** for a period of five (5) years, valid until **August 2030**.

This recognition affirms the high standards of academic excellence, professional formation, and service that define our School of Medicine. It is also a testament to the dedication and commitment of our administrators, faculty, staff, students, alumni, and partners who continuously work to advance our mission of forming competent, compassionate, and socially engaged medical professionals.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the **faculty, staff, administrators, and students** of the School of Medicine for their dedication, hard work, and commitment to our Jesuit mission of excellence and service. Special thanks go to the entire SOM Administration led by **Dr. Jaybee Bazan**, Dean of ADZU-SOM, together with our Associate and Assistant Deans: **Dr. Samuel Cristobal**, **Dr. Monserrat Guingona**, **Dr. Elgie Gregorio**, **Dr. Bernadette Macrohon**, **Dr. Jejunee Rivera**, **Dr. Mario Gemzon**, and **Dr. Bridget Cristobal**. I also extend special honor and recognition to our Founding Dean, **Dr. Fortunato Cristobal**, for his continued guidance and mentoring which continue to inspire the SOM community.

We likewise recognize the exceptional leadership of our PAASCU Area Chairpersons whose efforts during the self-survey and accreditation visit ensured this resounding outcome:

- **Dr. Jaybee Bazan** – Area 1 (Leadership and Governance)
- **Dr. Elery Apolinario** – Area 2 (Quality Assurance)
- **Dr. Louella Pondevida** and **Dr. Roselle Manuel** – Area 3 (Resource Management)
- **Dr. Monserrat Guingona** – Area 4 (Teaching and Learning)
- **Dr. Samuel Cristobal** and **Dr. Floro Dave Arnuco** – Area 5 (Student Services)
- **Dr. Jaime Punzalan** – Area 6 (External Relations)
- **Dr. Gem Durias-Punzalan** – Area 7 (Research)
- **Dr. Elgie Gregorio** – Area 8 (Results).

We also thank the **Quality Assurance and Strategic Management Office (QASMO)**, led by **Dr. Darcy Chavez** and supported by **Dr. Teresita Montaña**, External QA Officer, for steering this process with precision and grace.

The entire AdZU community takes pride in this milestone, made possible by the collective effort of many. May this renewed accreditation inspire us to remain steadfast in our mission of forming competent, compassionate, and socially engaged medical professionals in service of God and country.

**Congratulations AdZU-SOM!**

*Pro Deo et Patria.*

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**Fr. Ernald M. Andal, SJ**  
University President