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UNIVERSITY MEMORANDUM

MEMO NO. : Memo 25-26:32
DATE : February 6, 2026
TO : The AdZU Community
SUBJECT : New AZMI Director

I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. Robin A. Delos Reyes** as the new **Director** of the **Ateneo Zamboanga-Mindanao Institute (AZMI)**, effective **June 1, 2026**, for an initial term of **one (1) year**.

Dr. Delos Reyes is a distinguished scholar and academic leader whose work is deeply rooted in Mindanao studies, multilingualism, education, and community engagement. He holds a **Doctor of Philosophy in English Language and Literature** from **Ateneo de Manila University**, a **Master of Arts in English** from **Ateneo de Zamboanga University**, and a **Bachelor of Secondary Education (English)** (*cum laude*), also from AdZU.



With more than two decades of service to the University, Dr. Delos Reyes has held key leadership roles, including **Dean of the School of Liberal Arts**, **Chair and Assistant Chair of the Languages Department**, and **Coordinator of the Communications Department**. He has also served on numerous University-wide committees, notably as a **member of the AZMI Advisory Board**, the **University Research and Publication Council**, and various **PAASCU** and leadership search committees – demonstrating sustained trust and confidence in his ability to manage people, programs, and institutional responsibilities.

As a scholar, Dr. Delos Reyes has an extensive publication record with leading international publishers such as **Springer**, **Wiley**, and **John Benjamins**, with research that foregrounds Mindanao contexts, multilingualism, language policy, and social inclusion. He articulated a vision for AZMI that centers on strengthening **Asia Mindanaw** as a flagship publication and expanding collaboration with diverse groups engaged in creative and scholarly production.

As Director, Dr. Delos Reyes will provide strategic leadership in advancing Mindanao-focused research, strengthening interdisciplinary and inter-sectoral partnerships, and ensuring that AZMI's programs remain responsive, sustainable, and mission-driven. His experience in academic administration, adherence to approved budgets, and collaborative leadership style will guide the Institute as it builds capacity, engages experts, and recruits qualified personnel to support its initiatives.

We take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to **Ms. Floraime A. Pantaleta**, who served as Director of AZMI for three (3) years (2022-2025), for her dedicated service to the University. Her leadership and commitment significantly contributed to strengthening AZMI's foundations and advancing its role in research, dialogue, and engagement. The University is grateful for her service and the groundwork she has laid for the Institute's continuing development.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to the **Human Resource Selection Committee (HRSC)**: **Ms. Perla S. Ledesma** (Chair), **Ms. Aurora C. Gonzales**, **Dr. Ma. Christina A. Cañones**, and **Dr. Jane C. Bascar**, for their diligent work in receiving nominations, screening candidates, and providing recommendations to the University President.

We warmly welcome Dr. Delos Reyes to this new role and ask for the full support and collaboration of the University community as he assumes leadership of AZMI. May his stewardship further strengthen the University's contribution to scholarship, dialogue, and social transformation in Mindanao and beyond.

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