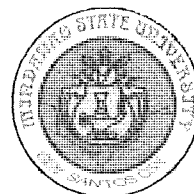


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Research and Development Center Mindanao State University-General Santos City

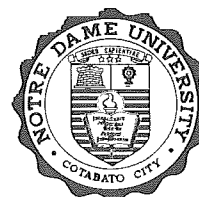


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Aside from doing research projects, RDC also publishes a bi-monthly university newsletter, a semi-annual research journal and the university's annual report. It is also a partner of the United Nations Development Programme in implementing a human resource development program for mainstreaming Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) combatants as part of the Mindanao peace process.

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