## BATSTATEU SIGNS MOA WITH TINGLOY

## FOR MARINE RESEARCH CENTER AND SIGAW

BRINGING INNOVATION TO THE SHORELINES OF ITS NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES







The municipality of Tingloy is a fifth-class municipality in the province of Batangas, covering a land area of 33.07 square kilometres with close to 18,000 dwellers in 2015.

The municipality is known for its prominent tourist spots, including its wonderful beaches, numerous islands and remarkable diving spots.

With the evident richness of its marine life, Batangas State University entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the municipality of Tingloy on May 24, of which both parties were represented by BatStateU President Tirso Ronquillo and Tingloy Municipal Mayor Laurence Alvarez, for the establishment of a Marine Research Center and the installation of a tsunami warning device, which is the Solar-Powered Isotropic Generator of Acoustic Wave (SIGAW).

The proposed Marine Research Center in Tingloy will serve as one of the satellite marine stations of BatStateU, while the main station will be established in Lobo, Batangas. Marine stations are to be established purposely near coastlines of selected municipalities in the province of Batangas and will house different field equipment and other facilities that are essential for the conduct of research studies of diverse marine life.

On the same day, the SIGAW device was installed near the shoreline of Barangay Papaya, Tingloy, to ensure the safety of the citizens by providing early warnings for people to impending tsunamis.

