QS Stars Case Study: Central Mindanao University

Central Mindanao University is a State University located in the heart of Mindanao Island, Province of Bukidnon, Philippines. It is one of the oldest premier universities in Southern Philippines. In 2017, CMU became the first Higher Education Institution in Mindanao awarded with Institutional Accreditation (Level II) by the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCUP), Inc.

At present, the university has ten (10) colleges offering 33 undergraduate degree, 28 master’s degree and 11 doctorate degree programs. The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) recognizes the University as the Center of Excellence (COE) for the four academic programs, namely: Agriculture, Biology, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine.

Why did you choose QS?
We chose QS due to its reliability in the World ranking.

What challenges have you been able to overcome thanks to QS Stars?
We were challenged in the preparation of the documents specifically in categories of Internationalization, Academic Development and Program Strength.

What are the key benefits of using QS Stars?
By using QS Stars we have improved in areas such as branding of our institution as well as organisation and management. It also served as a basis for important decisions and improve CMU’s influence on partnership and collaboration.

What have you learnt by using QS Stars?
We have learned about quality of education, graduate employment opportunities and improvement of our services.
QS stars helped CMU to fulfill our potential through educational achievement, international mobility, and career development.

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QS Stars explained

QS Stars is a globally recognised rating system for higher education institutions. Ratings are achieved through an in-depth assessment across at least eight categories, resulting in an overall rating of 1 to 5+ Stars and a rating of 1 to 5 Stars for each category.

Following the assessment, QS provides a detailed report summarising the results in each category. This allows institutions to recognise their strengths, as well as weaker areas which may require attention and improvement.

The QS Stars package also includes a set of badges with the ratings achieved overall and in each category. Institutions may use these in their own marketing materials to show prospective students their strengths in areas that matter most, such as Teaching and Employability.

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