

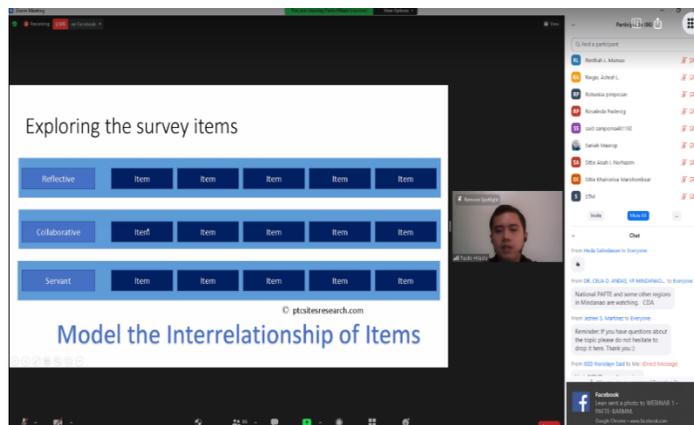
# PAFTE-BARMM holds First Annual Research Webinar

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The Philippine Association for Teachers and Educators - Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (PAFTE BARMM) held its first ever Annual Webinar on Research last June 25, 2021,



through Zoom and Facebook Live. The Mindanao State University College of Education and the Research and Extension Services office collaborated for this event. "Exploratory and Confirmatory Factor Analyses Applications in Contemporary Research," the focus of this year's webinar, stimulates the growth and enhancement of these methodologies. This necessitates the development and improvement of a research culture among educators. During the welcome and opening remarks, PAFTE-BARMM vice Chair Prof. Arnold B. Asotigue discussed the webinar's objectives. This aims a.) to orient pre-service and in-service teachers and educators on exploratory and confirmatory factor analyses in contemporary research; b.) to strengthen the culture of research and encourage research productivity for teachers and students; and c.) to provide an opportunity for PAFTE BARMM members to virtually interact with one another to continue their



professional development. This event envisions to improve the skills and competency of teachers and educators in the region by developing knowledge through research and translating it into good and

relevant research outputs for the students as they teach in their learning communities.

Dr. Montia Jamilah D. Sarip, Dean of the College of Education and PAFTE-BARMM Adviser, delivered an inspiring message to the teachers, encouraging them to build a research culture in their schools as part of their professional development. Prof. Paolo G. Hilado, the Director of Research and Planning of Colegio San Agustin, the invited resource speaker, addressed the differences between exploratory and confirmatory research, as well as when and how EFA and CFA are used which made the discussion highly relevant and engaging. The curiosity about the usage of the EFA and CFA in research was thoroughly answered and settled throughout the open forum session. With a good number of participants, the webinar was a success. As part of its purpose, PAFTE-BARMM will continue to support national development through research by involving pre-service and in-service teachers, particularly in the region. This type of event will eventually help our in-service and pre-service teachers realize their potential as research-oriented professionals.