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Poster Presentation: Digital Twin Technology in Maritime

Poster Presentation regarding best practices like MAAP Innovation Strategy using Digital Twin in Maritime with Chairs of poster session : Dr Joanna Sosynski- Budny from Poland, Dr Juan Ignacio Alcaide from Spain and Dr Andryz Borys from Poland



Inspired and learned maritime innovations and best practices during the TRANSNAV 2025 Academic Session # 05 Innovation in Maritime Transportation remarkably chaired by Dr Michele Fiorini from Italy and Dr Lech Mureski from Poland as shown from left to right in the group photo with Dr Anna Kaminska from Poland , Dr Anna Miller from Poland , Dr Angelica Baylon from the Philippines ,Dr Mariju Karicun from Croatia , Dr Tsai Hsin Chang from Taiwan and Dr. Vladimir Turskiy from Ukraine .Thanks to TRANSNAV 2025 for this amazing opportunity to learn and to process the various ideas and innovations shared by the Professors, researchers and scientists.



Another wonderful surprise unfolded for MAAP (Maritime Academy of Asia and the Pacific) as it received a prestigious award during the Closing Ceremonies of TRANSNAV 2025, held at Piwnica Rajców Restaurant on Poland. One of the most anticipated moments of the event was the announcement of the peer-reviewed results for the four best papers submitted and presented at the international conference. With over 86 nationalities represented from Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Americas, the Philippines was proudly recognized among the top honorees. MAAP's paper, titled "Digital Twin Technology: MAAP Innovative Strategy," authored by Dr. Angelica Baylon and VADM Eduardo Ma. R. Santos, AFP, was congratulated and recognized as one of the best research works presented at TRANSNAV 2025. It received a Plaque of Recognition and a Certificate for Best Poster Award. This remarkable achievement is a testament to MAAP's commitment to innovation and excellence in maritime education and research.



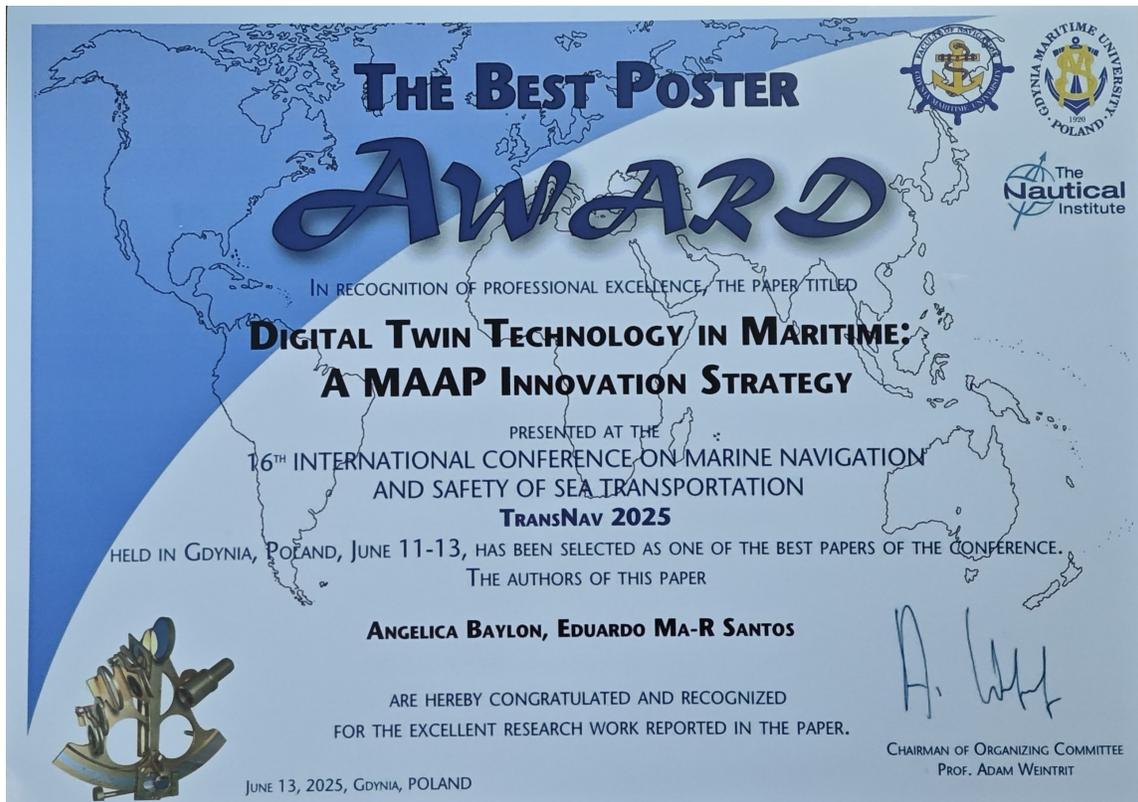


Session E3: Ports and Harbours

On June 12, 2025, the E3 Session on Ports and Harbours was held and greatly enjoyed by attendees.

The session was excellently chaired by Dr. Mariana Panaitescu of Romania and Dr. Joanna Kizielewicz of Poland. In the photo from left to right are: Arnaud Serry (France), Dr. Joanna Kizielewicz (Poland), Eliise Toomeoja (Estonia), Dr. Mariana Panaitescu (Romania), Prof. Angelica M. Baylon, PhD, EdD, MBGPH, MSBM, MBA, MS, FNI, MIMarEST, DFRIM, DFRIEDr, DFRIMarM (Philippines), Alev Burmambet (Poland), and John Paul Meranda (Nigeria).





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Congratulations to [Prof. Angelica M. Baylon, PhD, EdD, MBGPH, MSBM, MBA, MS FNI, MIMarEST, DFRIM, DFRIDr, DFRIMarM.](#), for the award.
🙏 Thank you for all your efforts supporting professional development in the maritime industry.

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Honored and blessed through the wonderful Certificate and Plaque of Recognition from TRANSNAV 2025. Heartfelt gratitude!

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Congratulations to two of our most respected Fellows in being recognised for this work. Once again the combined talents of Baylon and Santos have risen to great heights. Well done!

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Philippine's Independence Day

Istanbul, Turkey



Celebration of Philippine's Independence Day

On June 15, 2025, a celebration of Philippine Independence Day was held at the Hyatt Centric Hotel in Istanbul, Turkey. The event was graced by the Philippine Ambassador to Turkey, Mr. Henry Bensusurto, Jr., and the Philippine Consul General to Istanbul, Ms. Shirlene Mananguil, who is set to assume her post as Consul General to Nagoya, Japan, in July 2025. The occasion brought together members of the Filipino migrant worker community in Turkey. Guests expressed gratitude for the warm invitation and cherished the photo souvenirs. Ambassador Bensusurto is widely recognized as a quiet but steadfast advocate who played a key role in the Philippines' victory in the West Philippine Sea dispute against China.





TimesHE, Turkey

With Philippine Delegate at GDSC 2025

Keynote Speech: President Erol Ozvar



Philippine Delegates at GSDC 2025

With the CHED Chair Commissioner Shirley C. Agrupis at the background screen



Istanbul Congress Center: HEI Booths 2025



A photo souvenir with the Philippine delegation was taken while awaiting the arrival of the Philippine Consul General in Istanbul. Nearly 50 top Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) from the Philippines, led by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), proudly represented the country at the Global Sustainable Development Congress held from June 16 to 19, 2025. Congratulations were extended to the 101 Philippine HEIs ranked by Times Higher Education (TimesHE) for their significant contributions and achievements in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The day also included a visit to several booths of other top-ranked global HEIs, adding to the enriching experience.







As one of the sponsored delegates to the Global Sustainable Development Congress (GSDC), Dr. Angelica Baylon, actively participated in both plenary and parallel sessions—engaging in opportunities to listen, ask questions, and share insights. With a wide range of compelling topics each day—ranging from wellness and leadership to environmental issues and country-focused discussions—careful selection was needed to make the most of each day’s offerings. The Times Higher Education (TimesHE) approved to be a valuable tool, providing real-time updates and a comprehensive view of the program of activities.





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Souvenir photos were taken at the Philippines Delegation Booth alongside the CHED Executive Director, Regional Directors, and fellow delegates. The experience included visits to other country booths, where delegates were warmly welcomed and treated to a variety of local delicacies such as Turkish delights, assorted nuts, and more—fostering a spirit of cultural exchange & camaraderie.







Global Sustainable Development Congress

Gratitude is extended for the generous invitation and full registration sponsorship granted to MAAP and PAEPI Global, represented by the author and her esteemed colleague, Rowena, as delegates to the Global Sustainable Development Congress held from June 16 to 19, 2025, at the Istanbul Congress Center. The event, organized by Times Higher Education in collaboration with the Turkey Council of Higher Education, provided a valuable platform for learning, networking, sharing insights, and building meaningful connections. The experience inspired numerous takeaways and recommendations that may be applied within MAAP and PAEPI Global—an alliance of over 150 Higher Education Institutions—promoting resource sharing and collaboration in support of sustainable development through human resource advancement.





Congratulations and continued success to Times Higher Education, the Turkey Council of Higher Education, & all the outstanding world-class HEIs & their dedicated teams for their remarkable contributions to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Your efforts are truly inspiring and will serve as models to be adapted and replicated within our own institutions. While the conference may have concluded, the goodwill, friendships, kindness, inspiration, and lasting memories will remain for years to come.

University Visit at

Yildiz Technical University (YTU) , Istanbul Turkey



Yildiz Technical University (YTU)

Dr. Baylon was honored by the warm welcome extended by her esteemed colleagues at Yildiz Technical University (YTU), graciously led by Vice Rector Dr. Prof. Huseyin Yilmaz (former Dean of the YTU Faculty of Naval Architecture and Maritime), current Dean Dr. Prof. Serkan Elkinci, and Assistant Dean Dr. Prof. Ahmet Yurtseven. Special thanks were also given to Dr. Prof. Gorkem Kokkulunk (JEMS co-editorial member and former YTU Assistant Dean) for his thoughtful coordination and arrangements during the visit and tour of both the maritime and main campuses, joined respectively by the Dean and Vice Rector.





As part of strengthening international cooperation, she also had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Murat Turnham, Dr. Omer Sevas, Dr. Hu Seyin Elcicek, Dr. Asim Sinan Karakura, Prof. Unit Gines, and others. A few photo souvenirs were shared to commemorate the visit.







University Visit at

Istanbul Technical University (ITU), Istanbul Turkey



Istanbul Technical University (ITU)

Dr. Baylon visited Istanbul Technical University (ITU) in Tuzla, warmly received and guided by the Maritime Faculty Dean, Dr. Prof. Ozcan Arsian. It was an honor for her to meet and engage with ITU's outstanding leaders, staff, and students, and to tour the campus and witness firsthand the university's impressive human resources. As a fellow IAMU member institution, ITU holds a prestigious position among Turkey's and the world's top-ranked universities. She was also pleased to meet Dr. Gizem Yuksel Kayisoglu during the visit.



