

**EDITORIAL****Forging innovation pathways: Introducing a new international journal for emerging technologies and innovations**

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The Journal of Emerging Technologies and Innovations (JETI) emerges as a pivotal international academic platform within Mindanao, the Philippines. This peer-reviewed journal aims to foster innovation and collaboration in diverse emerging technologies. It addresses the need for a dedicated forum to disseminate cutting-edge research and advancements in various fields. Encouraging the use of emerging technologies in both public and private sectors, JETI offers a platform for researchers, scientists, and innovators to contribute to the world of innovation. The journal bridges theoretical concepts and practical applications, showcasing engineering innovations, artificial intelligence, biotechnology, renewable energy, sustainable development, information technology breakthroughs, and several others. Emphasizing inclusivity and diversity, it amplifies diverse voices, fostering collaboration and exchange of ideas across Mindanao and the world. With an esteemed editorial and copyeditor team, including experts in various research domains, JETI's launch aims to spark scientific exploration and technological advancement in the region. This journal somehow signifies Mindanao's commitment to research excellence and innovation, and hopefully poised to make a significant mark in the global scientific community.

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In the heart of Mindanao, the Philippines' culturally diverse and economically vibrant region, emerges a new peer-reviewed international journal, the "Journal of Emerging Technologies and Innovations" (JETI). This academic platform aims to seed technological advancement, fostering innovation and collaboration in the dynamic landscape of emerging technologies. This scholarly publication addresses the pressing need for a dedicated forum promoting the dissemination of cutting-edge research, advancements, and innovations in various fields of emerging technologies.

Emerging technologies play a critical role in advancing society in various areas, including but not limited to health [1], education [2], government [3], and several others. Intelligent approaches through research and utilizing emerging technologies and innovations are encouraged in public [3] and private [4] sectors. Hence, by providing a new platform for researchers, scientists, and innovators, the journal strives to encapsulate contributions to the world of innovation.

With its comprehensive scope and commitment to showcasing cutting-edge research, the journal seeks to bridge the gap between theoretical concepts and practical applications. At its core, JETI is dedicated to showcasing the latest breakthroughs and discoveries across a spectrum of fields, including but not limited to artificial intelligence, biotechnology, renewable energy, sustainable development, and information technology. It will consider proposals for special issues for specific topics or areas.

One of the pivotal aspects of this journal lies in its commitment to inclusivity and diversity. It aims to amplify the voices of researchers from diverse backgrounds, institutions, and disciplines across Mindanao, fostering collaboration and exchange of ideas.

This peer-reviewed international journal has an excellent global editorial board team and copyeditor team consisting of experts in engineering, environmental management, biotechnology, energy science, nanotechnology, and computing research, among others. We highly appreciate their willingness to be part of this journal and support the inaugural and future issues.

The launch of the JETI will hopefully ignite more scientific exploration and technological advancement in Mindanao. It is a testament to the region's commitment to excellence in research and innovation, providing a platform that celebrates achievements and nurtures the seeds of future breakthroughs. With its far-reaching impact and emphasis on collaboration, this new journal is poised to carve a distinctive niche in the global scientific community.

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