AREA VIII

PHYSICAL PLANT AND FACILITIES

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The buildings and facilities at the University of Southern Mindanao (USM) are designed to be safe, well-maintained, and highly functional, providing a secure and supportive environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Through regular upkeep, rigorous safety protocols, and strategic facility management, USM ensures that all structures and amenities meet high standards of usability, durability, and comfort.

Building and Facility Standards at USM

1. **Commitment to Safety**
    - Buildings and facilities undergo routine safety inspections to identify potential hazards and ensure compliance with building codes and safety regulations.
    - Emergency Preparedness: Facilities are equipped with fire alarms, emergency exits, fire extinguishers, and accessible emergency stations to ensure readiness in case of incidents. Regular fire and earthquake drills are conducted to prepare the campus community.
    - Security Monitoring: Surveillance cameras and security personnel are strategically placed provide additional layers of security, ensuring a safe environment at all times.
2. **Ongoing Maintenance and Upkeep**
    - Preventive Maintenance Program: USM implements a preventive maintenance schedule, regularly inspecting and servicing electrical systems, plumbing, and structural components to prevent breakdowns and extend the lifespan of facilities.
    - Clean and Hygienic Environments: Dedicated cleaning staff ensure that classrooms, laboratories, restrooms, dining areas, and common spaces are regularly sanitized and maintained, providing a clean, healthy setting for all.
    - Responsive Repair Services: Minor repairs are addressed promptly by on-site maintenance teams, while major repairs are prioritized to minimize disruptions and maintain facility functionality.
3. **Functional and Accessible Design**
    - Ergonomic and User-Friendly Spaces: Classrooms, lecture halls, laboratories, and study areas are designed with comfortable seating, proper lighting, and climate control to enhance user comfort and productivity.

- Inclusive Accessibility Features: All buildings are designed to be accessible to individuals with disabilities, with ramps, elevators, handrails, and accessible restrooms, ensuring that everyone can navigate campus facilities independently and safely.
- Flexible Use Spaces: Multipurpose rooms, auditoriums, and open areas are configured to accommodate various functions, from academic lectures to public events, maximizing the usability of each space.

4. **Technological Integration and Modernization**

- Smart Classroom Technology: Many classrooms and lecture halls are equipped with modern teaching aids, such as digital projectors, interactive whiteboards, and audio-visual systems, enhancing the learning experience.
- Reliable Internet and Network Access: Campus-wide high-speed internet and Wi-Fi access provide students and faculty with seamless connectivity, essential for research, online learning, and collaboration.
- Real-Time Facility Monitoring: Digital monitoring systems track building usage and performance, allowing for real-time insights that support efficient maintenance, energy management, and safety protocols.

BUILDINGS ARE WELL-MAINTAINED





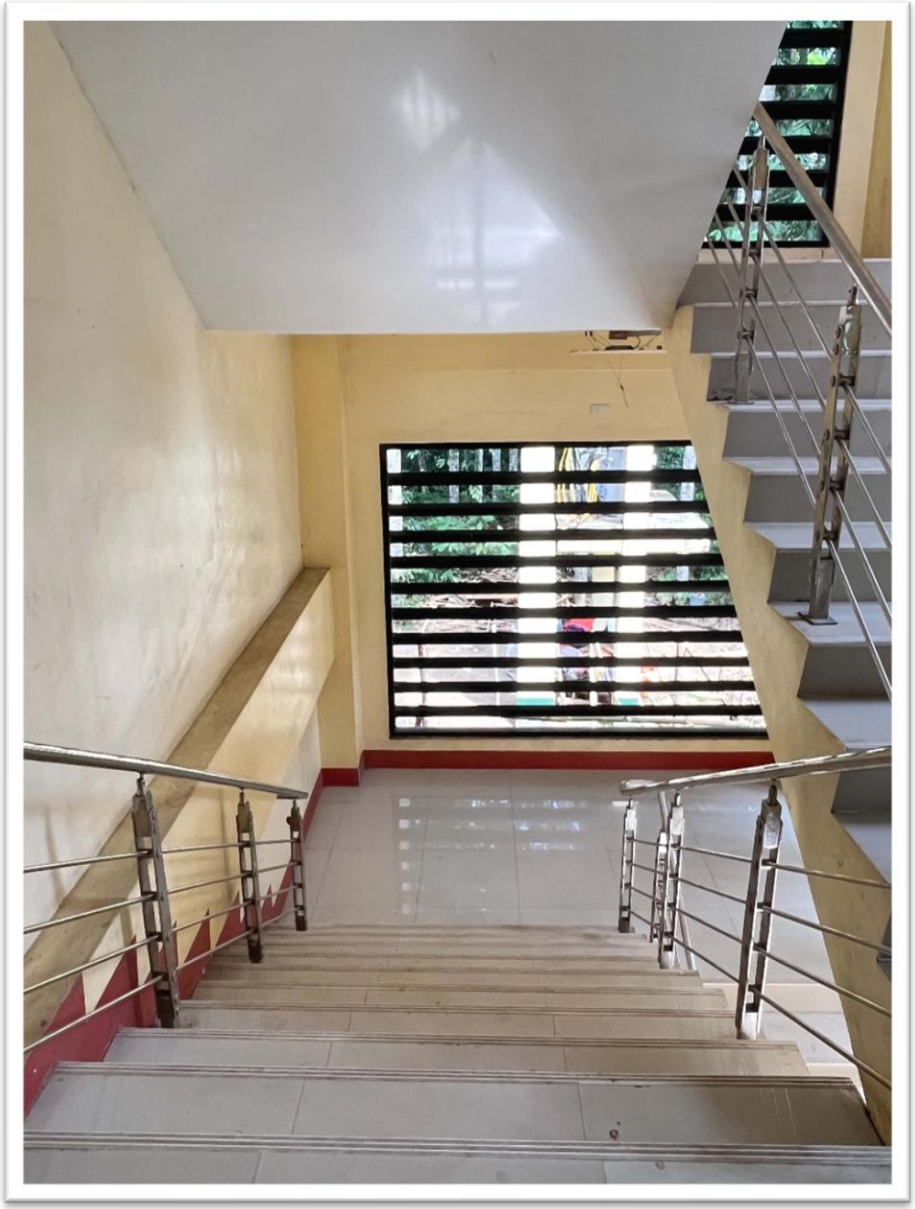
CLEAN AND SPACIOUS CLASSROOM



LABORATORIES ARE CLEAN AND WELL-VENTILATED



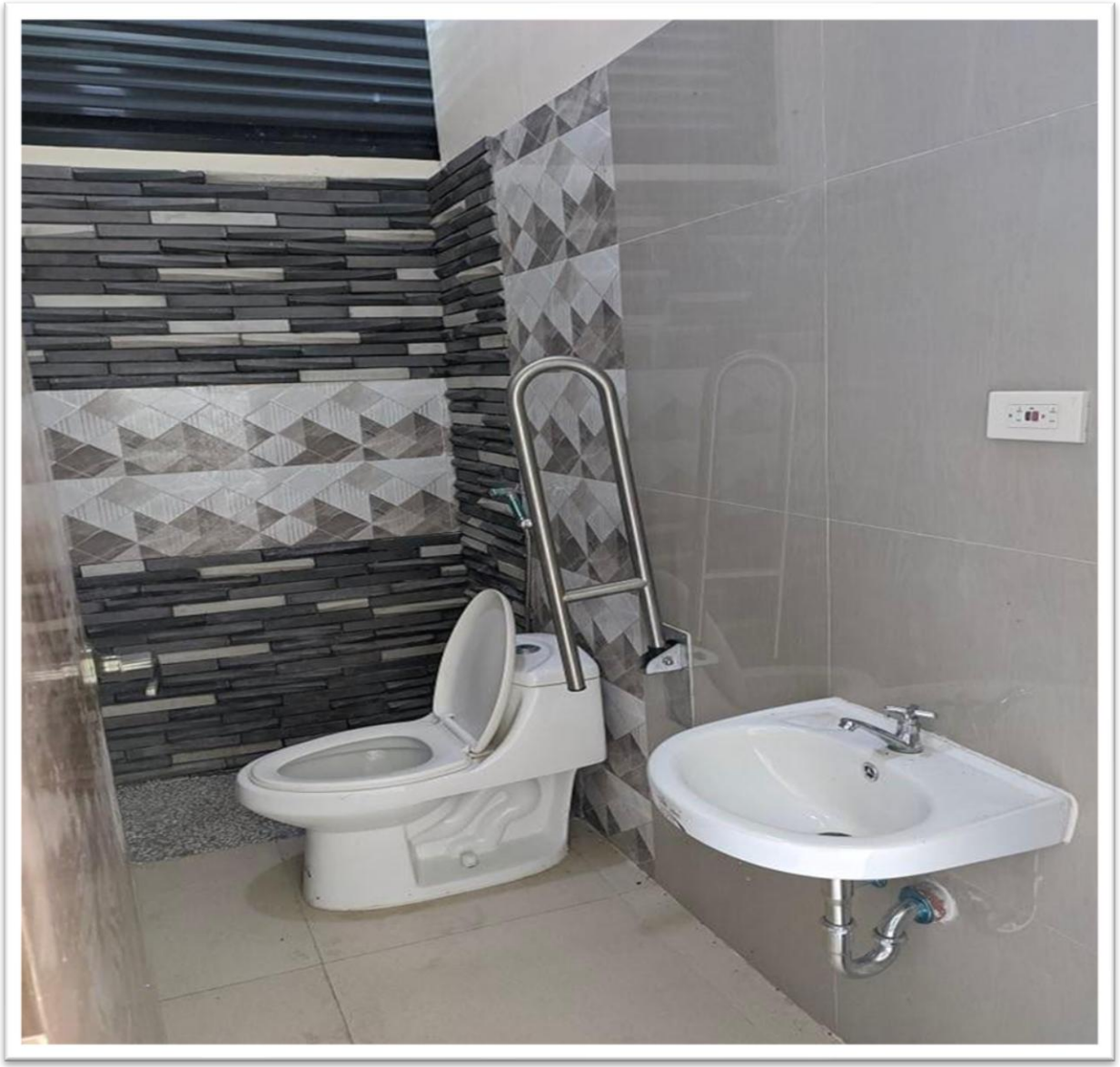
STAIRCASES HAVE STAINLESS HANDLES



LED BUILDING CLASSROOMS ARE EQUIPED WITH BUILT IN PROJECTORS



COLLEGE OF MEDICINE RESTROOMS ARE DESIGNED TO BE ACCESSIBLE AND USER-FRIENDLY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PWDS).



THE UNIVERSITY AUDITORIUM

