

## **DR. SERAFIN L. NGOHAYON**

President & Univ. Prof., Ifugao State University (IFSU)  
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Dr. Rafi Ngohayon graduated as *Magna Cum Laude* with the degree Bachelor of Arts major in Psychology. He obtained his MS and PhD in Psychology in Hiroshima University, Japan in 1999 & 2002, respectively.

He is the President of the Ifugao State University (IFSU) in Lamut, Ifugao, Philippines with an academic rank of University Professor. Concurrently, he is the President of the Philippine Science Consortium (PSC) and the longest serving Auditor of PASUC from 2009 to date. He was the President of AACUP in 2009-2013 and the Chairperson of the Cordillera Agriculture and Aquatic Resources, Research, Development and Extension Consortium (CAARDEC) in 2009-2016.

A dynamic and prolific leader of Philippine Higher Education, he led the transformation of the Ifugao State College of Agriculture and Forestry (ISCAF) into the IFSU in 2009 after seven years since assuming the presidency in 2003. He initiated, nurtured and aggressively pursued several development initiatives that helped IFSU reach SUC Level III in 2007 and Level IV status in 2016.

As an active member of PASUC Committees, he participated in the crafting and finalisation of the following vital policies that impact on the development of SUCs: a) New SUC Levelling Instrument, b) PASUC Constitution & By-Laws and c) New QCE Guidelines under NBC 461 among others.

Among his notable awards are a) award of highest honor from the SOKA University, Japan b) most outstanding Ifugao from the provincial government of Ifugao, c) International Leadership Award from the EDS Business School and Outstanding Alumni of St. Mary's University (SMU) and Isabela State University. His research interest is on perception, object recognition, job stress, higher education (HE) trends and issues and quality assurance (QA) in HE where he wrote and published several papers in scientific journals and presented papers in various fora.

His article on the state of Philippine higher education was included in 2016 released *The Palgrave Handbook on Asia Pacific Higher Education* published by Palgrave McMillan US, an authoritative and comprehensive handbook of higher education in the Asia Pacific Region.