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P H I L I P P I N E S

Dr. Hadja Sittie Shayma Zenaida P. Hadji Raof Laidan is the Regional Director of the Department of Science and Technology- South Central Mindanao (1999 to date). Being a devout Muslim who holds executive position in the premier body of the country on science and technology, Dr. Laidan actively advocates Halal Science, making her one of the prime movers of Halal development in the country. She crafted, authored the Philippine Science and Technology Program for the Development of the Halal Industry and is currently spearheading its implementation. She is the Chairperson of the National Halal Forum-Philippines, the leading country-wide Halal event with global trend; Host Organizer of the World Halal Assembly Philippines and Founder and Administrator of the Philippine Halal Science Center and the Philippine National Halal Laboratory.

Dr. Laidan is a recipient of numerous awards in recognition of her distinctive contributions to nation-building particularly on community development and in various socio-technological programs. She was recognized and honored as one of the Most Outstanding Top Women Mindanao Philippine Achievers for “breaking new ground”- introducing innovations and breakthroughs especially in the field of Halal Science and Technology.

She obtained her Doctor of Philosophy degree in Science Education major in Biology at the De La Salle University, Manila in 1994. In recognition of her leadership ability, Dr. Laidan was conferred Honoris Causa - Doctor of Philosophy in Institutional Development and Management by the Sultan Kudarat State University and Akamai University, Hawaii in 2008. She has been invited as Commencement Speaker and Guest of Honor by major universities and academic institutions and has addressed audiences locally and internationally.

Dr. Laidan chairs six (6) Research and Development (R&D) networks/ consortia in Region XII particularly on Halal R&D, health R&D, industry, energy, and emerging technologies R&D, information and communications technology, analytical laboratories, and nutrition and information network. Through her efforts, R&D and Innovation Centers in the region including Halal were established in partnership with the universities. She also chairs the Region XII S&T Mega Consortium and serves as a Regent and Trustee of all State Universities and Colleges in South Central Mindanao, Philippines.

She travelled widely in different capitals of the world. And with the application of best practices she learned from other countries and by adopting innovative approaches and strategies in the honest to goodness implementation of DOST Programs, Projects, and Activities, Dr. Laidan has been making a difference in the lives of the people she is serving, improving quality of life.

Dr. Laidan was crowned/ enthroned on May 15, 2014 as Bai-a-Zeybaaleem sa Masiu, a royal title among Bangsamoro women with an equivalent rank of a Sultan in the Royal Sultanate of Lanao in Mindanao, Philippines.