



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
CARAGA REGION

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

INFORMATION ON THE SCHOLASTIC CUP: BALANGAY 2025

1. The University of the Philippines Association of Political Science Majors (UP APSM) has informed this Office of the conduct the annual flagship event, "BALANGAY 2025: Hello, Funds, Goodbye," scheduled on November 8, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at UP Diliman.
2. This activity is organized by political science students from UP Diliman and is intended for participation of high school students nationwide in expert-led lectures and academic competitions related to critical thinking, public speaking, writing, and artistic expression.
3. In this regard, participation of schools, learners, and personnel shall be strictly voluntary and subject to the discretion of concerned school authorities, with no financial implications to the Department of Education.
4. Further details are contained in the attached communication from the event organizers.
5. For information.

MARIA INES C. ASUNCION

Director IV
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Encl.: None

Reference: None

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subjects:

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Dear Mx. Asuncion:

Greetings!

We are the members of the **University of the Philippines Association of Political Science Majors (UP APSM)**, an academic student organization dedicated to advancing social participation through the objective study of Political Science. Founded in 1983, UP APSM is a non-profit, non-sectarian, and non-partisan organization composed of political science students from UP Diliman. To fulfill this mission, the organization will host a scholastic cup: **Balangay 2025**.

Balangay is an annual flagship event of the organization that provides its participants with a competitive but professional environment that promotes both the discipline of Political science and the value of social engagement through a combination of lectures and academic competitions. With today's pressing social and political issues, UP APSM proudly presents its 2025 iteration of this event entitled **"BALANGAY 2025: Hello, Funds, Goodbye"**. The event will gather high school students from across the country to engage in expert-led lectures and academic competitions designed to test their knowledge and hone their skills in critical thinking, public speaking, writing, and artistic expression. The event will be held on **8 November 2025**, from **9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**, at **UP Diliman**.

In line with this, we respectfully seek your office's support in **recommending and promoting the aforementioned event** to the heads of public and private junior and senior high schools in the region through an endorsement letter. We also kindly **request an updated master list of the schools in the region** as we believe that this will greatly help us in reaching more institutions and students, furthering our mission to promote social and political involvement through academic avenues.

Should you want to acquaint yourself with our event and our organization, feel free to refer to our attached event primer and concept note.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us through our email address: apsm.upd@gmail.com or through this contact number: **0916 694 2791** and kindly look for Ms. Monique Ashley D. Brillante.

We hope for your favorable response on the above matter. Thank you so much!

Respectfully yours,



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