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(RM No.789 s.2023: ENDORSEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PADUNUNGAN 2024)

This Office informs all concerned that the Univesity of the Philippines Ibalon (UP Ibalon), the socio cultural organization of Bicolano students in the University of the Philippines Diliman, is conducting PADUNUNGAN 2024, with the theme, "Cultivating the Future: The Role of Filipino Youth in PH Agricultural Resilience. The said activity will be held on January 29-30 in a venue to be announced later.

Attached is a copy of the Regional Memo with the Event's Primer for your reference.

Expenses relative to the participation is chargeable against local funds/school MOOE subject to the usual accounting rules and regulations.

For information, guidance, and immediate dissemination.

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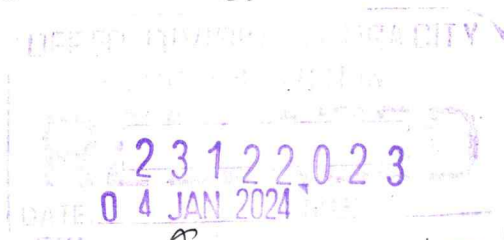
ENDORSEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PADUNUNGAN 2024

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To : Schools Division Superintendents
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All Concerned

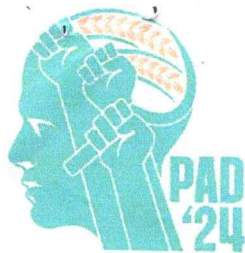
1. Please be informed that the University of the Philippine Ibalon (UP Ibalon), the socio-cultural organization of Bicolano students in the University of the Philippines Diliman (UP Diliman), is conducting **Padunungan 2024**, with the theme, "Cultivating the Future: The Role of Filipino Youth in PH Agricultural Resilience.
2. Padunungan is an annual two-day academic competition conducted by UP Ibalon that gathers high school students from across the region, where they are given the platform to showcase their skills and intellect in various events.
3. The Padunungan 2024's primary objective is to motivate students to proactively address the critical issue of agricultural resilience within the Philippines, highlighting the significant influence of Filipino youth in shaping the nation's agricultural landscape.
4. The target participants of this year's Padunungan are Grade 9 and 10 (Junior High School) and Grades 11 and 12 (Senior High school) students from both public and private secondary students in the Bicol Region.
5. The said activity will be on **January 29-30, 2024** and will be held in one of the provinces of the Bicol Region. The specific venue will be announced later on a separate issuance.
6. Attached in this memorandum is a copy of the Event's Primer for your reference. Dissemination of information on the above-mentioned event is advised to be made to all public and private secondary schools.
7. All concerned divisions and schools are encouraged to participate in the said event on voluntary basis only. All schools must ensure that all involved learners should secure their parent's consent and ensure their safety for the duration of the activity.
8. Please be guided accordingly.



GILBERT T. SADSAD
Regional Director

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November 21, 2023

Dear Dr. Sadsad,

Dios Marhay na aldaw!

Embracing a legacy entrenched in the richness of Bicolano culture and scholarly pursuit, the **University of the Philippines Ibalon (UP Ibalon)**, founded in 1974, has unfalteringly stood as the sole regional and socio-cultural organization within the University of the Philippines Diliman.

As we embark upon our 49th year, our organization remains resolute in its commitment to preserving and propagating the revered tapestry of Bicolano culture. The mission commits to preserving and promoting Bicolano heritage while nurturing sociocultural, economic, and political awareness among our student body, emphasizing leadership and service.

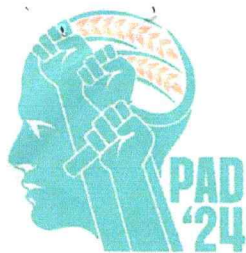
The organization pursues its goals through various means, and one of its most enduring initiatives is **Padunungan**, an annual two-day academic competition that gathers high school students from across the region. It serves as a dynamic platform to explore pressing social issues and introduce the organization to its participants through a diverse range of academic contests. These contests encompass the Quiz Bee, which not only tests the depth of students' collective knowledge but also reinforces sportsmanship and team cohesion.

Moreover, the event features other competitions such as Cultural Presentation, Debate, Essay Writing, Impromptu Speaking, Editorial Cartooning, Poster Making, Tigsik Writing, and Short-form Video Making Contest, which were also featured at last year's event. These contests offer students a unique opportunity to share their perspectives on the chosen theme while also paying tribute to the rich Bicolano culture through innovative components that are well-aligned with the demands of modern times.

With the theme "**Cultivating the Future: The Role of Filipino Youth in Enhancing Agricultural Resilience**," Padunungan 2024 is scheduled for January 29-30, 2024. Constantly, it will be held in one of the provinces of the Bicol Region.

The primary objective of this event is to motivate students to proactively address the critical issue of agricultural resilience within the Philippines, highlighting the significant influence of Filipino youth in shaping the nation's agricultural landscape. Through engaging discussions, competitive events, and





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collaborative initiatives, it seeks to inspire the next generation of leaders to champion sustainable agricultural practices while fostering a deeper connection to their cultural and environmental heritage. Padunungan 2024 serves as a platform to elevate participants' academic experiences and, simultaneously, inculcate a profound sense of responsibility and purpose in them, thus molding them into advocates for the future of Philippine agriculture.

In line with this, **UP Ibalon respectfully seeks your esteemed office's endorsement of the forthcoming Padunungan event.** This endorsement, in the form of a **memorandum or advisory**, would greatly assist us in disseminating information about Padunungan among various high schools throughout the Bicol region. We hope to open the registration period, as well as send the school invitations with your advisory, by December 4, 2023. Along with this, we have attached a copy of the Event's Primer for your kind perusal.

Your esteemed guidance and endorsement are pivotal in shaping this event as an enlightening platform for academic discourse and cultural celebration. For further clarification or discussion regarding this request, please do not hesitate to reach us at upibalonpad@gmail.com. Your input and support are invaluable to us.

Thank you for considering our request. We eagerly anticipate a positive response and look forward to the possibility of collaborating to create an enriching and intellectually stimulating experience for students.

Para sa Bikol! Dios Mabalos po.

Sincerely,

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PADUNUNGAN 2024

EVENT'S PRIMER



ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION



WHO WE ARE

UP Ibalon is a duly-recognized and university-wide **socio-cultural organization of Bicolano UP students** and the sole regional Bicolano organization in University of the Philippines Diliman.



WHAT WE DO

UP Ibalon is committed to **promoting truth, loyalty, solidarity, and social, cultural, economic, and political consciousness among students.**



With a vision to **remodel the youth into socially responsible members of society**, its members have come together to pursue a united mission to serve fellow students, fellow Bicolanos, and fellow Filipinos.



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Nagtatalubong Kadunongan,
Nagkakalayong Kamawotan,
Nagpapadagos sa Kauswagan.

The three-fold motto for this year's anniversary represents the values of UP Ibalon as an organization for Bicolanos situated in the University of the Philippines. Equipped with the knowledge imbibed by the institution coupled with the personal grievances of the Bicolanos, UP Ibalon aims to **spearhead critical thinking and awareness among its members** in the hopes of helping them grow into effective leaders of reform.

UP IBALON IN NUMBERS

49
YEARS

80 Resident Members
1000+ Alumni

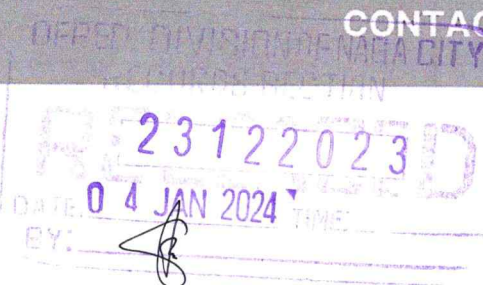
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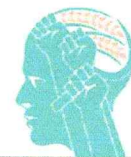
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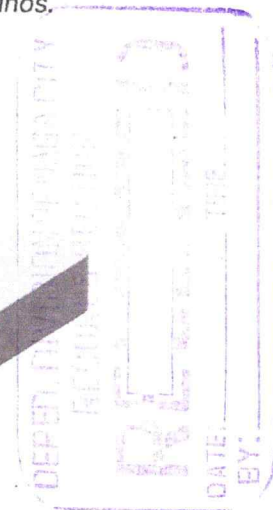
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ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

For the past 49 years, UP Ibalon has conducted various projects and activities aimed at serving Bicolandia and the university and its constituents. Being the new generation of Ibaloneys, the current members wholeheartedly intend to continue the long legacy of our organization - the continuous dedication to be of service to fellow Bicolanos and Filipinos.



BICOL WEEK CELEBRATION

Bicol Week is a week-long activity in UP Diliman that celebrates and reintroduces the Bicol Culture yearly to the UP Diliman community.

BURABOD

Burabod is the official publication of UP Ibalon. Since its reboot last 2020, Burabod releases an annual publication that summarizes the news and issues in the University, the Bicol region, and the nation.

ORGANYONG ORAGON

Organyong Oragon is a UP Ibalon podcast containing a series of interviews with notable Bicolanos, showcasing their talents and amplifying their stories of inspiration.

ACLE

For several years, UP Ibalon has been joining the UP Diliman's Alternative Classroom Learning Experience (ACLE) which provides students additional learnings that are not taught in a classroom.

EDUCATIONAL DISCUSSIONS

As part of its mission to promote social, economic, and political consciousness, UP Ibalon organizes educational discussions depicting relevant issues of the country.

RELIEF OPERATIONS

UP Ibalon strongly commits to helping the Bicol community during calamities by initiating donation drives for the benefit of calamity victims.

PADUNUNGAN

Padunungan (which means "battle of intellects") which started in 1981, is an annual region-wide competition participated in by over 200 students from various secondary schools in the Bicol region.



Other events & projects:

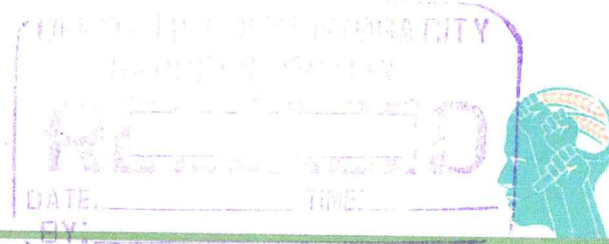
- Pabiristuhan
- Alumnight
- Aah-awitin mo
- Aram mo 'ni?

Through these activities, the organization is able to live by its values and ideals. Our events and activities contain a long thread of history which we will continue to carry on in the present and in the future of our organization. Ibaloneys will remain steadfast and will flourish throughout the years as we remain faithful to our oath of service to the masses.

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PADUNUNGAN 2024

ABOUT THE EVENT



PADUNUNGAN

Padunungan is one of the avenues where UP Ibalon realizes its vision and mission to serve our fellow Bicolanos. Padunungan, which means "Battle of the Intellects" in the Bicol language, is a competition for high school students in the Bicol region where they are given the platform to showcase their skills and intellect in various events.

Every year, an overall theme which revolves around the pressing issue/s of the time relevant in building the people's social consciousness is identified by the organization. This theme becomes the focus of this annual academic affair where UP Ibalon encourages students' active participation through various symposia, group discussions, workshops, and film features. The different contests like Essay Writing, Impromptu Speaking, Editorial Cartooning, Poster Making, and Cultural Presentations are venues in which they can express their unique values, insights, and interpretation to the theme. The Quiz Bee Competition, on the other hand, aims to test not only the scope of their overall knowledge but to reinforce the spirit of teamwork and friendly competition.

Padunungan, therefore, is realized as a battleground for the different students from various schools to assert their minds and express their creative sides. Although winning is the ultimate goal for all the participants, participation in this event gives them more than the joy and pride of what the trophies and various awards offer as material proofs of one's abilities and power. More than the bragging rights earned by winners, above all, the event values its success in instilling lessons of our organization, our event, and invited guests and speakers to all the participants and manifested in their speech and actions as they walk away from the event and continue their journey in the real world. This idealistic yet powerful goal has continued to fuel Ibaloneys in preserving events like this. The Bicolano youth deserves higher aims, such as to initiate change even in the smallest way possible, in spite of our society's bleak situation and struggles.

Padunungan is part of the organization's continued service to the Bicolano youth—enhancing their abilities and molding their young minds towards becoming better Bicolanos of the future. It is a foreground of the lessons and ideologies that are imperative in becoming socially aware members of their communities. Issues that are encompassing and pertinent are discussed and presented to them through EDs and competition events in order to mold them as youth that recognizes the value of their initiatives and analyses of what could be done.



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PADUNUNGAN PPA PROFILE

1. Padunungan is the flagship event of UP Ibalon, a socio-cultural student organization of Bicolano students in the University of the Philippines Diliman (UP Diliman). As its name implies "Battle of the Intellects" in the Bikol language, it is a competition for high school students in the Bicol Region that seeks to address the most pressing issues of the society at present, especially those that concern the region and its constituents.

Padunungan showcases the talents and skills of the young participants through its various categories including, but not limited to, Essay Writing, Editorial Cartooning, Impromptu Speech Contest, Quiz Bee Competition, and Poster Making. It also seeks to raise awareness and invoke tangible action from the youth through different symposia, workshops, and discussions conducted with especially invited knowledgeable speakers in accordance to the socio-cultural nature of the organization. More importantly, it helps the Department of Education (DepEd) achieve its thrusts as indicated in the Education for All (EFA) Goals, Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the Basic Education Social Reform Agenda (BESRA).

2. The PPAs shall be conducted and documented by the Padunungan Team of UP Ibalon.
3. For coordination and concerns on Padunungan 2024, kindly contact our Padunungan Overall Co-heads at the following contact numbers and/or the official Padunungan contact details:

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THREE-YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Through the years, Padunungan has covered a lot of issues that the organization discerns the youth must be more aware of. For more than 30 years, Padunungan has challenged the Bicolano youth knowledge through discussions and workshops and tested how these learnings are applied through creative means such as essays and posters. In recent years, the themes of Padunungan would focus on the youth's involvement with pressing issues our country faces.

2023: *Beyond the Headlines: Understanding the Complexities of the Philippines Economic Crises*
2020: *Converging Spectrum: Understanding the Struggle towards Gender Equality*
2019: *Philippine Chronicles: The Youth's Pursuit of Historical Veracity*
2018: *In the line of Fire: Filipino Youth's Role in the Protection of Human Rights*
2017: *Padayon Kabataan: Filipino Youth as Responsible Social Media User for Social Change*
2016: *Working for the Future: Filipino Youth and the Advancement of Labor Rights in the Country*
2011: *Advancing with Optimism: Youth's Perspective on Filipino Nationalism*
2010: *Green is the New Gold: Unearthing the Treasures of Biodiversity*
2009: *Be Loud, Be Proud: Advancing Our Country through Youth's Initiative and Active Involvement*

In the past years, UP Ibalon has staged the Padunungan in different areas of Bicol such as Albay, Sorsogon, and Camarines Sur simultaneously. It was only in 1996 that Padunungan was staged as a regional event with some of our host venues being - Ateneo de Naga University, Aquinas University, Bicol University, Bicol College of Arts and Trade among others.

Padunungan has been part of UP Ibalon's continued service to the Bicolano youth, enhancing their abilities and molding their young minds towards becoming a better Bicolano of the future. What sets Padunungan apart from other competitions are the Educational Discussions that are packaged with the activity. Padunungan is not just an annual academic and arts competition for high school students in the Bicol Region but an avenue with which Ibaloneys impart the knowledge they learned from their beloved university, University of the Philippines, and guest speakers with their expertise, experiences, and knowledge to younger generations, especially of the dear and beloved Bicol region.

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In three years, Padunungan is envisioned to be bigger, bolder, and better. Padunungan aims to reach out to the whole Bicol region, even to those of the far-flung schools. The possible plans UP Ibalon can adopt with the Padunungan to link with the ongoing priority DepEd PPA's such as the Millenium Development Goals would be as follows:

1. Adopt theme in the future that will cater to student interest and at the same time promote awareness of MDGs (such as Gender Equality, Women Empowerment, Environmental Sustainability, Education as a Right, Youth's Role in the Development of the country).
2. Developing the contests to challenge the youth's minds and expose them to social realities in order to improve the quality of education they have. After all, education must not be limited within the four walls of a classroom.
3. Padunungan shares a common vision with the country's Education for all with the community as an important tool to mobilize all social, political, cultural, and economic resources.
4. Not only the young students, but also the teachers and coaches are required to attend various sessions and workshops.
5. If given the chance to get bigger funds, there are plans to evolve the Padunungan into an event where proceeds will go to the development of a high school library, or a donation to a certain school in far flung places, as part of the commitment to the Bicol Region.

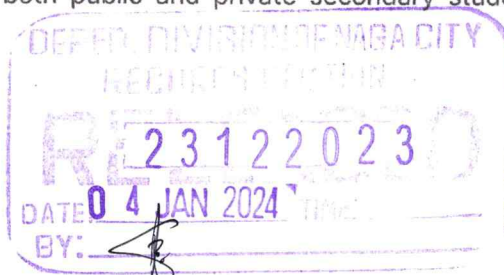
COMPREHENSIVE OBJECTIVE OF PADUNUNGAN

Collectively, Padunungan as one of UP Ibalon's flagship events aims to:

1. To encourage the youth's active participation in the pressing issues of the time through various symposia, group discussions, workshops, and film features;
2. To reinforce the spirit of teamwork and friendly competition among the different contests, workshops, and group sessions;
3. To challenge the knowledge and skills of the students so that they may express their creative sides and instill lessons that are hoped to manifest in their speech and actions as they continue their journey through college and into the real world;
4. To initiate change even in the smallest ways possible, in spite of the country's bleak situations and struggles; and
5. As an organization, to retain the Padunungan platform as part of UP Ibalon's continued service to the Bicol region, most especially towards the Bicolano youth.
6. Objectives regarding the theme, "Cultivating the Future: The Role of Filipino Youth in Philippine Agricultural Resilience":
 - a. To enlighten the youth about the major socioeconomic and political issues faced by the agricultural sector of the country; and
 - b. To inculcate in the youth's mind their role in advocating and fighting for agricultural resiliency and food security.

TARGET PARTICIPANTS

For this year's Padunungan, target participants include Grades 9 and 10 (Junior High School) and Grades 11 and 12 (Senior High School) students from both public and private secondary students in the Bicol Region.





PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES*

Day 1: January 29, 2024 (Monday)

TIME	EVENT*	VENUE**
7:00 – 8:00 AM	Ingress/Registration	
8:00 – 9:00 AM	Opening Program: Invocation and National Anthem, Welcome Message and Opening Remarks, Presentation of Participating Schools, Introduction of Guest Speakers & Judges	
9:00 – 10:00 AM	Educational Discussion I	
10:00 – 10:15 AM	Open Forum and Awarding of Certificate	
10:15 – 10:30 AM	Break	
10:30 – 11:30 AM	Educational Discussion II	
11:30 – 11:45 AM	Open Forum and Awarding of Certificate	
11:45 – 12:00 NN	Final Instructions and Room Assignment	
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch Break	
1:00 – 1:15 PM	Arrival at the Venues	
1:00 – 5:30 PM	Simultaneous Events: Quiz Bee Elimination (Written Exam) Tigsik Writing Contest On the Spot Essay Writing Contest (English and Filipino) On the Spot Editorial Cartooning Contest On the Spot Poster Making Contest Infographics Contest Impromptu Speech Contest Short-Form Video Making Contest	

Day 2: January 30, 2024 (Tuesday)

TIME	EVENT*	VENUE**
7:00 – 7:50 AM	Ingress/Attendance	
7:50 – 8:00 AM	Short Program	
8:00 – 10:00 AM	Debate	
10:00 – 12:00 NN	Cultural Presentation Competition	
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch Break	
1:00 – 2:30 PM	Quiz Bee Finals (Junior High School Level)	
2:30 – 4:00 PM	Quiz Bee Finals (Senior High School Level)	
4:00 – 5:30 PM	Awarding Ceremonies Closing Remarks	

* Subject to changes without prior notice

** To be announced





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ABOUT THE THEME

DATE: 04 JAN 2024

BY:

Cultivating the Future: The Role of Filipino Youth in PH Agricultural Resilience

The history of the Philippines carries the imperative role of the country's agricultural sector in the livelihood of our pre-colonial communities as well as in our eventual journey of opening our doors to the world. Plantation ventures traced back to the Spanish Colonization ahead have proved the richness that our lands were capable of cultivating, from the adaptation of the carabao-plow land preparation to the notable technological innovations of our agriculture during the 1800s. It is without doubt that our vast lands have served our nation in our survival and have become a passage in introducing the Philippine agrarian system to the greater global community.

Despite its vital role in our people's everyday lives, the agricultural sector has still not been given enough attention on its socioeconomic growth as evident in its steady yet low contribution to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). As if our peasant workers' struggle to shed light on their hardships and issues faced were enough difficulties, many global and local crises continue to threaten the state of Philippine agriculture. During the COVID-19, the pandemic has caused over a 3.11% decline in production level which affected more than 100 million farm laborers nationwide. The Ukraine-Russia war has also made significant consequences on the export distribution of its benefiting countries, taking a sharp blow to our food security. Moreover, the immediate and ever-drastic effects of climate change and natural disasters have always kept the sector on an edge with unpredictable catastrophes threatening the whole production lands without warnings. All these global struggles, together with the inflation rate tied with the low minimum wage pushing farmers and workers deeper into the grids of poverty, have made it almost impossible for the sector to perceive their future as agricultural workers positively secure and stable. Rather, these issues have left the sector incapable of barely keeping up the population growth that poses greater demands for human survival.

With these issues in mind, the fight for agricultural resilience remains a priority for the country. As we recognize that global health and peace crises, climate change, and natural disasters are uncontrollable events in its majority, we also realize the urgent need to make sure that our agriculture remains prepared to adapt and bounce back from these threats through advocating for agricultural resiliency made possible by adapting to modern technological advancement and by cooperating with agricultural practitioners and experts, and policymakers to assure the security of not only our lands but also of our people working in the sector.





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Thus, **Padunungan 2024** returns for its annual event with the theme, "**Cultivating the Future: The Role of Filipino Youth in PH Agricultural Resilience**" which intends to shed light on the current state of climate and crises resilient agriculture in the Philippines hampered by various issues surrounding the sector. Through our educational discussions and competitions, Padunungan aims to not only orient its student-participants, but to let them have a deeper understanding of how the struggles of the agricultural sector actually affect other sectors of Philippine society specifically in food demand and security. Hence, this competition seeks to examine the interconnections and intricacies of our past and present agricultural issues and its impact on the future of the Filipino community. Furthermore, This competition offers a unique opportunity for students to make a positive impact on society and to become part of the solution to the agricultural challenges facing the Philippines; that by realizing strings attached, students are able to situate themselves within these issues to further push them to recognize their impact and contributions in agriculture through unifying our peasant worker's fight for their dignity and rights.



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