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**27TH ACADEMIC FESTIVAL OF UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES
HARONG ORGANIZATION (UP HARONG)**

This is in connection with the University of the Philippines Harong Organization's **27th Annual Academic Festival**, which carries the theme, "*Nakaugat Lahat sa Lupa: Rooting Youth Movements in the Struggle for Genuine Agrarian Reform.*" The activity will be held on August 3–6, 2026, in Naga City and will gather Junior and Senior High School learners, as well as youth participants aged 12–19, from across the Bicol Region.

In view thereof, this Office encourages Secondary School Heads to support and facilitate the participation of qualified learners in the said activity, subject to existing DepEd policies, parental consent, and the availability of school funds.

However, participation of teachers will not hamper instructional time in compliance with the provisions of DepEd Order (DO) No. 009, s. 2026, titled Guidelines on the Implementation of the Three-Term School Calendar in Basic Education and DO 9, s. 2005, titled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith, and the policy on off-campus activities stated in DO 66, s. 2017.

For further details of the events and activities, please see the Booklet of Mechanics at bit.ly/27thBookletofMechanics, or you may call Maria Joma Sophia B. De Dios at CP # 09291396513.

For information and guidance.

MARIA-MAGNOLIA F. BRIOSO, CESO VI
OIC, Schools Division Superintendent



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*Nakaugat Lahat sa Lupa: Rooting Youth Movements
in the Struggle for Genuine Philippine Agrarian Reform*

July 3, 2026

Maria Magnolia F. Brioso

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent
Department of Education, Division of Iriga City
San Nicolas, Iriga City, Camarines Sur

Dear Dr. Brioso:

Warm greetings from UP Harong!

The **University of the Philippines Harong Organization (UP Harong)** is a duly recognized non-stock, non-profit, and secular provincial organization in UP Diliman. It is composed of UP Diliman students from the province of Camarines Sur.

Since its establishment in 1995, UP Harong has been committed to **contributing to the social, cultural, and academic development of Camarines Sur**. In line with this commitment and in pursuit of empowering the Bicolano youth, we organize the annual **Academic Festival (AcadFest)**, which seeks to foster meaningful discussions on pressing social issues affecting both the province and the nation.

This year's AcadFest centers on the Philippine agrarian situation and the role of the youth in advocating for genuine agrarian reform. As a primarily agricultural province, Camarines Sur continues to depend heavily on the labor of farmers and fisherfolk. Yet, the agriculture sector remains among the most burdened by poverty, landlessness, displacement, economic insecurity, and climate vulnerability.

With this context, the 27th Academic Festival carries the theme: **Nakaugat Lahat sa Lupa: Rooting Youth Movements in the Struggle for Genuine Agrarian Reform**. The event will be held on **August 3-6, 2026, in Naga City** and will gather **junior and senior high school students and youth participants, 12-19 years of age, from across the Bicol Region**.

In this regard, we respectfully request the **assistance of your office in promoting the event to school heads** through a **memorandum or advisory endorsement**. Your support would greatly help us reach more schools and students, which supports our shared goal of advancing youth engagement and academic development in Bicol.

Below are the links to the 27th Academic Festival **Booklet of Mechanics** and **official Facebook page** for your perusal.

Booklet of Mechanics: bit.ly/27thBookletofMechanics

Official Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/acadfest>

We sincerely hope for your favorable response. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact us through acadfest@gmail.com or the undersigned Education and Research Director at 09291396513.

Thank you very much, and *Dios mabalos!*



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THE ACADEMIC FESTIVAL

The **ACADEMIC FESTIVAL (AcadFest)**, created and hosted by the University of the Philippines Harong Organization (UP Harong), is the biggest and only educational endeavor ever created by any youth organization in Camarines Sur. For the past twenty-six years, it has served as a training ground for Bicolano youth where they are empowered to further mold their potentials and talents through various events and competitions.

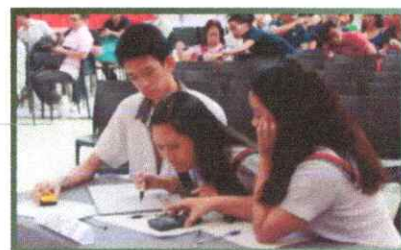


Tingog Nin Rason Debate Tournament

This event engages participants in a series of debate rounds where they are challenged to take and defend stands on pressing social issues.

Harong nin Dunong Quiz Bee

This event strikes a balance between intelligence and social awareness by challenging the participants' prowess in the academic arena and in other fields.



Sural Essay Writing Contest

This event brings out in every participant the ability to convey personal thoughts and critical opinions about relevant issues through writing.

Gayon nin Bikolnon Poster Making Contest

This event enhances the artistic side of the participants by allowing them to depict the beauty of Bicolandia through lines and colors.





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Istoryang Suanoy Storytelling Contest

This event aims to help participants convey stories in a creative manner and develop the youth's narrative skill in the native tongue.

Boses nin Jovenes Public Speaking Contest

This event provides an avenue for the participants to exercise their freedom of speech by allowing them to express personal insights on relevant social issues.



Heras sa Banwaan Radio Broadcasting Tournament

This event brings out the participants' broadcasting skills as they report current events in society, promoting the truthful delivery of information.

Gala x Awards Night

This event opens the stage to youth performers to showcase their talents. At the same time, AcadFest participants are recognized and commended.





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Since its foundation in 1995, the organization has been committed to contributing to the social, cultural, and academic development of Camarines Sur and taking part in the University's pursuit in assuring a well-balanced education for all. The organization dedicates its 30 years of existence to the active formation of a socially responsible young generation and serves as a haven for youthful idealism.

OUR VISION

Within the University, the Organization shall have earned the respect and recognition of its contemporaries as an association of quality and significance. In the Province, the Organization shall have made itself a paragon of leadership, service, and passion for one's roots.

OUR MISSION

The organization is committed to developing individuals, especially the youth, who are responsible and equally ardent in the pursuit of academic excellence, as well as service-oriented endeavors, directed towards Camarines Sur and, consequently, the country.