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Quezon City, Metro Manila



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MEMORANDUM TO:

Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Division/ District Supervisors
Secondary School Principals,
Head Teachers, Teachers In-Charge
Public and Private Schools

BALANGAY '09: THE UP APSM SCHOLASTIC CUP

Attached is a transmittal letter from Director IV, Teresita G. Domalanta, CESO III, DepED NCR, dated July 30, 2009 inviting high school students from public and private high schools to participate in ***Balangay '09: The UP APSM Scholastic Cup*** a series of interscholastic competitions with the theme: ***"Take the lead: The Youth as Catalyst for Change"*** on November 23, 2009. The contents of which are self-explanatory, for the information and guidance of all concerned.

Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


VICTORIA O. FUENTES
Schools Division Superintendent

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(NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION)
Daang Misamis, Bago Bantay, Lungsod Quezon
(Misamis St., Bago Bantay, Quezon City)

July 30, 2009

DR. VICTORIA Q. FUENTES
Schools Division Superintendent
Division of Quezon City
Nueva Ecija St., Bago Bantay
Quezon City

Dear Dr. Fuentes:

Enclosed is a letter from Mr. Darryl Ray F. Domaynas, Balangay'09 Liaisons Head, UP APSM, inviting students to participate in *Balangay'09: The UP APSM Scholastic Cup*, a series of interscholastic competitions with the theme: *"Take the Lead: The Youth as Catalyst for Change"*, the contents of which are self-explanatory, for information and appropriate action.

Very truly yours,

Teresita G. Domalanta
TERESITA G. DOMALANTA, CESO III
Director IV

F6/F12

22 June 2009

Dr. Teresita G. Domalanta
Regional Director
Department of Education, NCR

Dear Madame:

Greetings!

The University of the Philippines Association of Political Science Majors (UP APSM) is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization which aims to promote, encourage and support the objective study of Political Science. From its base at the University of the Philippines Diliman, the organization has served as a venue for academic enhancement and character development through various activities and programs.

In line with our 26th anniversary, for the entire day of 23 November 2009, UP APSM, will be holding Balangay '09: The UP APSM Scholastic Cup, a series of interscholastic competitions with the theme: *"Take the Lead: The Youth as Catalyst for Change"* which aims to gather 150 - 200 high school students from various public and private schools within Metro Manila. This annual activity aims to encourage the positive perception of Political Science as a comprehensive, dynamic and noteworthy field of study in the Philippines; furthermore, we aim to hone the participants' skills that are fundamental in the study and practice of Political Science.

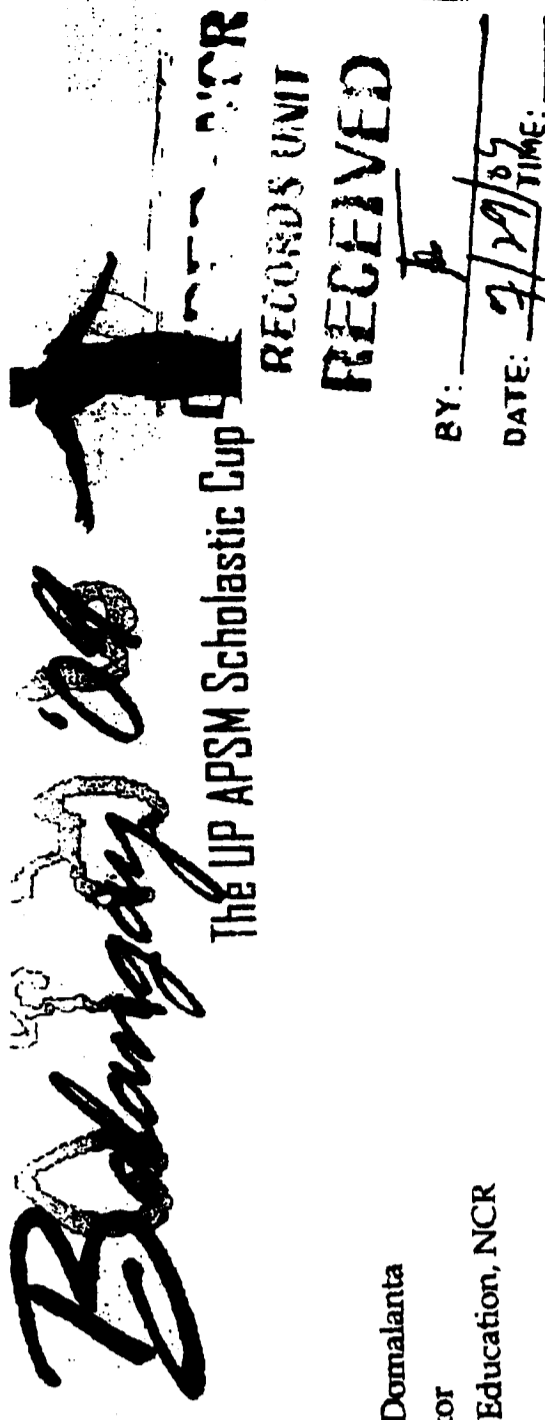
In this regard, we would like to ask assistance from your good office in reaching out to public and private secondary schools within Metro Manila. Basically, this assistance entails information dissemination and official endorsement coming from your office. In the belief that the youth holds the promise of our great nation, we look upon your good office for guidance in honoring our future leaders. We hope that through this small endeavor we are all able to contribute to the betterment of our nation.

Attached herewith are our organization's profile, the mechanics of the event, as well as the invitation and registration form for the representatives of the school. Should you have any queries regarding the event please feel free to contact us at +63927.760.8113 or through balangay2009@gmail.com.

In behalf of UP APSM, we look forward to your positive response regarding this matter.

Respectfully yours,

Darryl Ray F. Domaynas
Darryl Ray F. Domaynas
Balangay '09 Liaisons Head, UP APSM





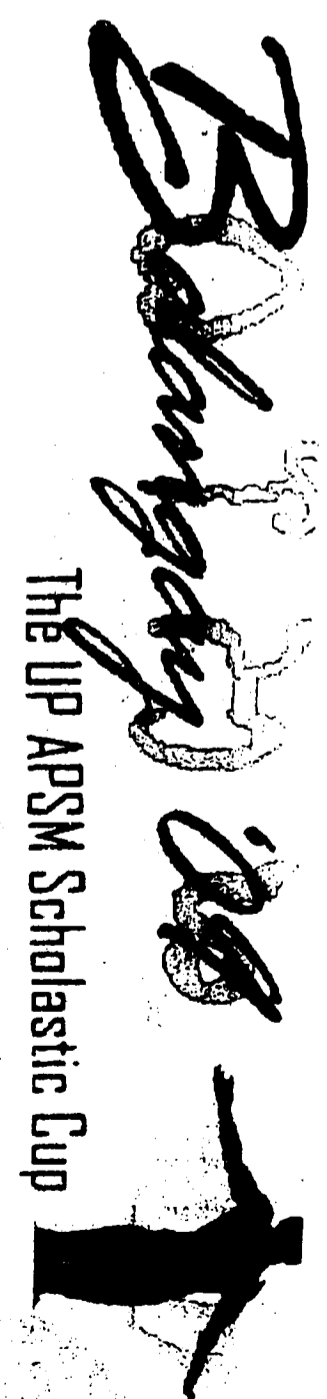
Noted by:

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Balangay '09 Project Head, UP APSM

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Faculty Adviser - UP APSM

Ma. Lourdes Rebulla
Dr. Maria Lourdes Rebulla
Faculty Chairperson
Department of Political Science



Dear Sir/Madam:

The University of the Philippines Association of Political Science Majors (UP APSM), would like to invite your school to participate in Balangay '09: The UP APSM Scholastic Cup, an academic 'tetraathlon' which is geared to promote a more positive perception of Political Science as a comprehensive, dynamic, and noteworthy field of study in the Philippines. Furthermore, this 4-event competition aims to hone the participants' skills that are fundamental in the study and practice of Political Science as well as to pay tribute to noteworthy political scientists whose valiant efforts at promoting the discipline contribute significantly to the field of study.

This year's theme, "*Take the Lead: The Youth as Catalyst for Change*", shall be incorporated in the four events that have been lined up for this activity: essay-writing, editorial cartoon making, extemporaneous public speaking, and a quiz bowl. The tetraathlon shall take place on November 23, (Monday), from 8:00AM - 5:00PM, at Benitez Hall, College of Education, UP Diliman.

Your school's participation will greatly contribute to the fulfillment of the abovementioned goals. Each school may send a maximum of four (4) bona fide high school students. A designated representative from the school's administration or faculty should accompany the delegation. For teams with a complete delegation, the group registration fee is PHP600. Otherwise, each participant will be charged with PHP200. The registration fee will cover for the food expenses and supplemental kits.

Attached herewith are the event's complete mechanics and other details, the official registration form for your school's representatives, and UP APSM's organizational profile for your reference. The deadline for submission of registration forms is on September 18, 2009. Should you have any questions or comments regarding the event please feel free to contact the undersigned. You may also get in touch with the organizers through the event's official email address: balangay09@yahoo.com.

In behalf of UP APSM, we are looking forward to your involvement in this event. Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours,

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"Take the Lead: The Youth as Catalyst for Change"

A. Eligibility Rules and Mechanics

1. General Rules and Eligibility

- All four events are open to bona fide high school students regardless of year level.
- Each school may field only one student contestant per event. Only those students whose names were indicated in the school's registration form shall be recognized as the official contestants.
- For teams with a complete delegation, the group registration fee is Php600. Otherwise, each participant will be charged with Php200*. The registration fee will cover for the food expenses and supplemental kits.
- All submitted entries will become the property of the organizers. Nevertheless, these will be used for the sole purpose of documentation and reference purposes.

2. Essay Writing

a. Mechanics

- Each contestant will be provided with five (5) sheets of paper. These will be used for both the drafts and the final paper upon the discretion of the contestant.
- Contestants are not to write down their names or their school in the paper. Only control numbers given by the proctor are allowed.
- All 5 sheets of paper will be surrendered to the officials of the contest proper at the end of the time limit.
- Contestants are given a time limit of one (1) hour to write their compositions, which should be based on the topic that will be given fifteen (15) minutes before the event.
- Essays will be judged based on the following criteria:
 - Content/ Substance - 50%
 - Coherence and Organization - 30%
 - Relevance to the Theme - 20%
- Based on the judges' scores, three (3) contestants will be declared as first, second and third prize winners. Winners will receive cash prizes, medals and gift packs.

3. Editorial Cartoon Making

a. Mechanics

- Each contestant will be provided with one (1) 1/16 illustration board to serve as the canvass. The only accepted drawing implements are the following: charcoal pencils, pencil, and black ball point pens. The contestants are expected to bring their own drawing implements.
- Contestants are not to write down their names or their school in their illustration board. Only control numbers given by the proctor are allowed.
- Contestants are given a time limit of one (1) hour to produce their editorial cartoons, which should be based on the topic that will be given fifteen (15) minutes before the event.
- Editorial cartoons will be judged based on the following criteria:
 - Originality and Creativity - 30%
 - Clarity of Message - 30%
 - Relevance to the Theme - 25%
 - Over-all Impact - 15%
- Based on the judges' scores, three (3) contestants will be declared as first, second and third prize winners. Winners will receive cash prizes, medals and gift packs.

4. Extemporaneous Public Speaking

a. Mechanics

- Contestants will be divided into five groups for the elimination round. The sequence and grouping of speakers shall be based on a drawing of lots done at the very beginning of the event.
- A contestant is to learn of his/her topic ten (10) minutes prior to his/her predetermined schedule for speech delivery.
- Each contestant will be given a maximum time allotment of three (3) to five (5) minutes to deliver a speech based on their respective topic. The first word spoken by the contestant will start the timer.
- The use of reference books, notes and printed materials of any kind is **PROHIBITED** during the ten (10) minute preparation period.
- Notes made during the preparation period may be used during the speech presentation.
- A five (5) point penalty shall be assessed for every fifteen (15) seconds or fraction thereof over or under the specified time allotted.
- No props of any kind may be used.
- The contestants will be judged according to the following criteria:



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- whether the answer is acceptable. The judge has the final say.
- x. The contestants with the three highest scores at the end of the final round shall be declared the first, second, and third place winners, respectively. Winners will receive cash prizes, medals and gift packs.
 - xi. In cases of a tie, a sudden death format will be adopted. The contestant who first garners a one-point advantage over the other contestant involved shall be declared the winner.

B. Programme

08:00 - 09:00 am Registration

09:00 - 11:00 am Plenary

Program
 Guest Speaker
 House Rules
 Political Scientist Feature/Documentary
 Activities by Sponsors
 Editorial Cartooning Competition
 Essay Writing Competition
 Extemporaneous Speech Elimination Round
 Quiz Bowl Elimination Round

11:00 - 12:00 pm

12:00 - 01:00 pm

01:00 - 03:00 pm

03:00 - 04:00 pm

04:00 - 05:00 pm

Lunch
 Extemporaneous Speech Finals
 Quiz Bowl Finals
 Awarding

5. Quiz Bowl

a. Mechanics

- i. Content/ Substance - 50%
- ii. Manner of Delivery / Organization - 30%
- iii. Audience Impact - 20%
- iv. The top two contestants in each group will proceed to the final round.
- v. Mechanics during the elimination round will be used for the final round.
- vi. Three (3) contestants will be declared as first, second and third prize winners. Winners will receive cash prizes, medals and gift packs.
- vii. Judges' decisions are final and irrevocable.

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- i. The Quiz Bowl will consist of two (2) parts: Elimination and Finals.
- ii. The elimination part is a written exam (50 items). Questions will primarily be about current events, both in the national and international settings, and fundamental political science concepts. Questions will be in the form of multiple choice.
- iii. The ten participants with the highest exam scores will proceed to the Final Part of the Quiz Bowl.
- iv. The Final Part of the Quiz Bowl will have three (3) rounds: Easy, Average and Difficult. There will be ten (10) questions per round.
- v. Questions will be flashed on the screen, and will be read by the quizmaster twice.
- vi. The time allotment for answering the questions as well as the scoring system for the elimination and final rounds are as follows:

Round	Time Allotment for Answering Each Question	Points Earned for Every Correctly Answered Question
Easy	5 seconds	1 point
Average	10 seconds	2 points
Difficult	15 seconds	3 points

- vii. Questions will primarily be about current events, both in the national and international settings, and fundamental political science concepts. Questions will be in the form of identification and multiple choice.
- viii. For each round, each contestant will have to write down his or her answer on a board to be provided.
- ix. A dispute on a question or an answer can only be raised by competing participants, and must be done at the time it occurs before the next question is read.

Disputes must be settled in the competition room as they occur, in a timely manner. If there is a disagreement about an answer, the reader and judge should confer as to



Submission and Enquiry:

University of the Philippines Association of Political Science Majors

Department of Political Science, College of Social Sciences and Philosophy

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REGISTRATION FORM

SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Name

Address

City

COACH INFORMATION

Coach Name

Contact Number

Email Address

☐ Group Registration

☐ Individual Registration

Number of Representatives: ____

Name of Editorial Cartoon Making Representative

Year Level: ____

Name of Essay Writing Representative

Year Level: ____

Name of Extemporaneous Public Speaking Representative

Year Level: ____

Name of Quiz Bowl Representative

Year Level: ____

Registration Guidelines

- For Group Registration, the fee is Php600 per team; for Individual Registration, the fee is Php200 per participant.
- Registration fee is to be paid on the day itself.
- Please complete this form and email to balangay2009@gmail.com

OR contact 0917-2000113 or 02-4927410 for faxing details.

- Deadline for registration is on September 18, 2009.

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The UP APSM Scholastic Cup



The University of the Philippines Association of Political Science Majors (UP APSM) is a duly recognized organization in the University of the Philippines, Diliman. UP APSM is a non-profit, non-sectarian organization. It is composed of well-rounded political science students of the university as well as honorary members from other disciplines who share UP APSM's principles and have contributed to the well being of the organization.

Since its inception in 1983, UP APSM has stood by its objective of promoting, encouraging, and supporting the objective study of Political Science. Apart from regular discussion groups among its members, UP APSM has been organizing fora and symposia on relevant topics relating to the discipline and to salient national issues of the day. Recognizing the call to service inherent to being *Iskolar ng Bayan*, outreach programs are another staple in the organization's activities. On top of this, UP APSM has been actively participating in various college and university activities.

In keeping with our maxim of being the *Primus Inter Pares* (which translates to *First Among Equals*), UP APSM's tradition of leadership is manifested in the quality of our members and alumni. Several of our members for this school year hold key positions in various regional and academic organizations both within and outside the university. A number of our alumni have served the college's student council. Moreover, some of our current members have won in the recently held university elections for both university and colleges' student councils; Political Science Department Representatives to the Student Council for almost a decade now have come from our organization. UP APSM is *where both ends of the political spectrum meet*. Different viewpoints co-habit in an environment of openness. This tradition allows us to be the melting pot of multifaceted individuals who sometimes hold conflicting convictions – several of our members are affiliated with opposing political parties in the college and the university.

However, UP APSM's leadership extends beyond the confines of UP Diliman. In realizing the organization's objectives, it has consistently sought partnerships with other political science organizations from different colleges and universities. Proof of this is our status as founding member of the Association of Political Science Organizations of the Philippines (APSOP).

Now going its 26th year, APSM still continues to live up to its tradition by keeping the torch burning even brighter in its quest for excellence.

