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**SCHOOLS DIVISION OF CAPIZ**

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Attached is the letter from UP Visayas Ugnayan ng Pahinungod/Oblation Corps regarding the conduct of **UPV-AAP Caravan** from March to May 2025.

Participation to this activity is voluntary and subject to compliance with DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 titled **Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-On-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith**, DepEd Order No. 009, s. 2024 titled **Implementing Guidelines on the School Calendar and Activities for S.Y. 2024-2025** and DepEd Memorandum No. 41, s. 2024 titled **Reiteration of the “No Collection Policy” in Schools**, DepEd Order No. 66, s. 2017 titled **Implementing Guidelines on the Conduct of Off-Campus Activities** and DepEd Order No. 008, s. 2023 titled **Participation of Teachers in Volunteer Work and Extra Curricular Activities**. The details and overview of this program are attached for reference.

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Department of Education - Capiz

Roxas City, Capiz

Dear Superintendent Bermejo:

Warm greetings with a spirit of service!

The **UP Visayas Ugnayan ng Pahinungód/Oblation Corps** is the volunteer service arm of the University of the Philippines that serves the underserved communities in the country. It provides volunteer opportunities and promotes different advocacies through various programs with UPV students, faculty, staff, and alumni, serving as its core support system.

We have always believed in the transformative power of education. Hence, we are committed to providing opportunities for underserved students and public secondary school teachers across Western Visayas to pursue their dreams. In the previous year, our **Aabutin ang Pangarap (UPV-AAP) Caravan** has directly empowered 679 students and 94 teachers, and many others indirectly through word-of-mouth, in six provinces—Iloilo, Guimaras, Antique, Aklan, Capiz, and Negros Occidental.

Aiming to bridge more students and teachers to their dreams, we will once again conduct the **UPV-AAP Caravan** from **March to May 2025**, a program designed to empower aspiring students with the knowledge, resources, and guidance to navigate their path to college and democratize access to quality education in higher education institutions, such as the University of the Philippines. It comprises three sub-programs:

1. **Affirmative Action Program (AAP):** Seeks to provide crucial guidance to students from underserved communities, particularly those from Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas (GIDA), by providing them with career talks and comprehensive information about available degree programs, scholarship opportunities, and admission processes in UP;
2. **College Admission Test Simulation and Refresher (CATSaR):** Aimed at reducing the anxiety and stress of college admission tests such as the UP College Admission Test (UPCAT) by offering simulations and test-taking strategies; and,
3. **Teacher Development Program (TDP):** Designed to enhance the teaching capacity of public secondary school educators by equipping them with effective and inclusive instructional strategies that foster student engagement and improve learning outcomes. Strengthening the pedagogical skills of teachers supports DepEd's continuous efforts to elevate the quality of education in public schools.







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Please see the attached primer for more details about the program. You may also view our video recap in one of the legs of last year's UPV-AAP Caravan:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fGe2VKoyJh9WgpcvtZx5LReBbE5ehvvr/view>

In line with this, we would like to invite you once again to be our **official partner** in implementing this meaningful endeavor. As our partner, we would like to request the following:

- Designate a Focal Person to coordinate matters related to UPV-AAP Caravan, especially the facilitation of the MOA Agreement at the SDO level;
- Send a memorandum to all high schools in Western Visayas, encouraging them to:
  - select and send four (4) Grade 11 students for the AAP and CATSaR and one (1) teacher to attend the two-day TDP. GIDA/last mile schools will be given ten (10) student slots; and,
  - conduct an echo seminar with the assistance of their guidance office to extend the learning impact of the program.
- Update UPV Pahinungód regarding the confirmed slots for students and teachers, preferably two (2) weeks before the schedule of the activity in the province/leg;
- Suggest and assist in facilitating the request for a suitable venue or host school per province/leg with two (2) large halls (e.g., gymnasium, auditorium) for holding the simultaneous activities for students (300-500 pax) and teachers (100-200 pax);
- Provide access to the list of high schools in the SDO and other relevant database (e.g., GIDA/last mile schools, telephone, e-mail address) to facilitate coordination and assist in the dissemination of activity announcements and promotional materials in the communication channels (e.g., Facebook Groups, mailing list) of the DepEd;
- Assist in facilitating the needs assessment of UPV Pahinungód for the TDP topics for each province/congressional district such as the provision of student performance assessment results (e.g., Regional Achievement Measure) of DepEd and possible CPD-granting trainings/seminars;
- Coordinate with the UPV Pahinungód on other matters that may arise during the preparation and implementation of the Program;
- Assist in monitoring the implementation of echo seminar in participating schools and provide the UPV Pahinungód updates on schools that conducted the echo seminar; and,
- Assist in the evaluation of the implementation of the Program.

Believing in the program's significance, we have also sent a partnership invitation to DepEd Secretary Sonny Angara, through the UP System Ugnayan ng Pahinungód, to streamline the coordination with DepEd Regional Offices and SDOs nationwide for the AAP implementations by other UP constituent universities.

We are eager to formalize this partnership through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) at the Regional and SDO levels in a joint MOA signing. To expedite the process, we already sent a draft of the SDO version of the MOA to the legal offices of UPV and Antique SDO for preliminary checking. Both offices approved the current version of the MOA. We believe that this partnership will be mutually beneficial for both of us as this program aligns with your mission and vision. We would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this further at your convenience. Please let us know if you prefer to have a meeting to discuss the details of the partnership.





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We look forward to working with you to bridge students from underserved communities to their dreams of higher education. Should you need any clarification, please contact Ms. Julie Christie P. Develles, UPV Pahinungód Junior Project Associate, at 09311005128 or via email at [pahinungod.upv@up.edu.ph](mailto:pahinungod.upv@up.edu.ph).

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. *Para sa Bayan!*

Respectfully yours,

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