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Subject: **Pautakan**
Date: September 4, 2018

Please be informed of the attached letter from UP Aguman, dated September 3, 2018, entitled "**Pautakan**", for your reference and information.


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Schools Division Superintendent



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in truth I will talk this earth.
I have faith in man, and
mankind I will serve.
I cherish kinship, and
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I will live not for myself alone
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3 September 2018

Leilani S. Cunanan
Office of the Schools Division Superintendent, OIC
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Dear Ma'am Cunanan,

Greetings of peace!

Duly recognized and accredited by the Office of Student Affairs of the University of the Philippines Diliman, the **UP AGUMAN** is a **socio-civic, not-for-profit, service-oriented** organization of Kapampangan-speaking students based in the University of the Philippines in Diliman, Quezon City. Formally recognized on December 12, 1973, the organization embraces its aims to uphold the truth, to promote man's inherent goodness and capabilities, and to appreciate the importance of human relations.

With education as its means, the organization laid out as one of its projects an annual academic quiz show among Kapampangan students, the **PAUTAKAN**. This event has, time and again, brought out the best among the students and instilled in them the value of camaraderie along with learning beyond the walls of the school. This year marks the 44th year of the Pautakan, and the organization is still determined to stay true to its cause of making this event steadfast and an avenue for excellence among Kapampangan schools. In line with this goal as well as having the same sentiment regarding the importance of education, the organization would once again like to form a partnership with the Department of Education – Division of Angeles City. An official endorsement and accreditation coming from your generous office will greatly push the Pautakan towards its objective. We believe that with sufficient help from more relevant institutions, we can do so much more.

The UP Aguman presents you this proposal, which we hope will convince you to see us as a partner when it comes to promulgating the significance of education and love for learning among the young minds of our province – the future of our nation. Your support shall undoubtedly help in the success of Pautakan 2018.

For further inquiries, please feel free to contact the Project Head of Pautakan 2018, **Dexter Manguerra**, thru SMS at 09954484305 or thru e-mail at up.aguman@gmail.com.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration regarding this matter. We hope for your timely & favorable response.

We remain not for ourselves alone,

DEXTER M. MANGUERRA
Educational Committee Chairperson
Pautakan 2018 Project Head



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WHAT IS UP AGUMAN?

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UP AGUMAN HISTORY

Since the early 30's, Kapampangan-speaking students of the University of the Philippines Diliman have made attempts to form a Kapampangan association within the campus. Unfortunately, their initial efforts proved futile since no formal organization was ever established.

In 1971, a renewed move was led by some Kapampangan members of Lakas Diwa, an organization that aimed to promote the development of the Filipino language. In essence, the 'splinter group' of Kapampangan students adopted the concept of establishing a similar union that would specifically do the same for their native language.

Eduardo Cunan, then an Architecture student, led the university-wide recruitment effort which attracted at least 70 members. They called themselves the "UP Aguman", subsequently framing the organization's constitution and bylaws.

Due to the prevailing student unrest in the 1970's, the first batch of UP Aguman members lost the opportunity to have the organization recognized by the university's Office of Student Affairs. But nonetheless, the organization continued its efforts to promote their Kapampangan ethnicity in the campus. However, the student unrest became more prevalent, thus the organization gradually disbanded.

In 1973, two years after, the original batch of UP Aguman spearheaded a move to revive the organization, which proved to be the turning point for the organization. The original members drafted the organization's constitution and laid out its aims and objectives. It was a year after the declaration of the Martial Law and the prevailing atmosphere in campus at that time was calm, yet very tense. The Office of Student Affairs exerted a rigid scrutiny of all organizations' petitions for recognition due to the government's ban on those with possible subversive leanings. Fortunately, as all noble goals are destined to be, UP Aguman successfully hurdled the stringent criteria for recognition. On December 12, 1973, UP Aguman was given its long-awaited due recognition from the state university.

In our home province of Pampanga, people sometimes think that UP Aguman is just another UP campus, like UP Clark, UP Diliman or UP Mindanao. Little do they know that for more than four decades now, UP Aguman has served not only the



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Kapampangan students in UP Diliman, but Kapampangans in Pampanga as well. From academic and cultural to service-oriented activities, UP Aguman strives to serve the best interest of the Kapampangan people, especially that of the youth. It also aims to provide a social support group for its members as they face the daily trials of college life in the flagship campus of the country's premier university and a venue for physical, social and cultural growth as individuals and as Kapampangans.

Immediately after its recognition, UP Aguman launched its annual academic competition – the Pautakan. Almost as old as the organization that established it, the Pautakan has also evolved throughout its almost 44 years of existence. Held every October of each school year, this highly anticipated contest officially opens the quiz bee season participated by the best schools in Pampanga.

In the mid-1980s, UP Aguman embarked on yet another contest that showcased the Kapampangan youth talent – this time in the field of arts. On February 1982, the Sining was born. From just a handful of competitions, it has improved and expanded to its current edition of up to 16 separate individual and team competitions in the literary, visual, and performing arts. It also aims to promote the Kapampangan culture, heritage, and artistry with yearly themes that revolve or incorporate such rich local traditions and practices like the Crissotan (Kapampangan poetry).

The College Entrance Exam Review (CEER) is also one of the annual projects of the organization that caters to the Kapampangan youth. Every July, we invite the senior high school students of Pampanga for a whole-day affair of mock exams, review sessions, course orientation, and other tips to give them a better chance of being an 'Iskolar ng Bayan' in one of the best university in our country – the University of the Philippines.

As rich as its history and achievements may be, the story of UP Aguman is not without obstacles and setbacks. In December 2002, UP Aguman suffered a major financial blow when one of its special projects did not deliver as expected. Instead of raising much-needed funds to augment its budget for its yearly projects, UP Aguman was relegated in a desperate fiscal situation that it was not even able to hold one of its annual noble projects, the Sining 2003, in that school year.

Such financial bankruptcy would have spelled the end for a non-stock, nonprofit organization like the UP Aguman, but instead of giving up, the members worked doubly harder to keep the Aguman spirit alive in the campus and in the province. With much help and support in many forms from its 600-plus-strong network of alumni throughout the country and the world, UP Aguman continued to live on and survived its major monetary tribulations. Slowly and gradually, the organization financially recovered as the current generation of members continue to keep the legacy it inherited from the humble group of people that established the organization more than 40 years ago.



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Today, UP Aguman still functions with its guiding principles of truth, faith and kinship as it continues its tradition of service and leadership. We firmly believe that even if we are still just students, we can help make a positive difference in our beloved province.

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I believe in truth and in truth I will walk this earth.
I have faith in man and mankind I will serve.
I cherish kinship and kinship will be my way of life.
I will live not for myself alone,
Forever in the UP Aguman I will belong.

CONSTITUTION PREAMBLE

We, the Kapampangan-speaking students of the University of the Philippines Diliman, in a desire to promote the spirit of kinship, to consolidate our efforts towards our educational, physical, and social well-being, and to serve the best interest of our people, do hereby promulgate this constitution.

ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

Like any other organization, the UP Aguman has a set of officers that serve as its leaders who are elected annually. The following are the officers, with the working committee that they head:

- President (Executive Council)
- Vice-President for Internal Affairs (Internal Affairs Committee)
- Vice-President for External Affairs (External Affairs Committee)
- Vice-President for Finance (Finance Committee)
- Secretary (Records Committee)
- Media Committee Chairperson (Media Committee)
- Educational Committee Chairperson (Educational Committee)
- Socio-Cultural Committee Chairperson (Socio-Cultural Committee)

The rest of the resident members are grouped into the committees to coordinate the many major and minor activities of the organization. The Pautakan is managed by the Educational Committee with the Chairperson serving as the Pautakan Project Head.



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THE PAUTAKAN

First organized in 1974, the Pautakan has now become one of the much awaited and most prestigious academic contests in Pampanga and is organized by the UP Aguman. Students from the best elementary and secondary schools in Pampanga compete through a series of elimination rounds and encounters to obtain the prestigious title of the Pautakan Champion and the much-coveted championship revolving trophy, which is a small-scale replica of the famous UP Oblation statue. Once a school becomes the champion in its level for three consecutive years, it gets to keep the said Oblation trophy and be a source of pride and be a proof of the school's passion for academic excellence.

The Pautakan sets itself apart from other academic competitions because not only does it pit its contestants against each other in a battle of knowledge and strategy, it also lets them socially interact with each other to foster the spirit of friendly competition. Since the Pautakan is scheduled ahead of the many other quiz bees organized by other organizations and schools, it serves as a launching pad for the teams that compete in it, and on the subsequent quiz bees for the rest of the year. Surely, the contestants will see each other often on said competitions, so the UP Aguman 'breaks the ice' for these students by giving them an opportunity to know more about their fellow students from other schools and develop camaraderie despite being each other's contest opponents.

Unlike other academic contests, the Pautakan runs through three activity-filled days. With its unique contest mechanics, the Pautakan experience is one contest experience like no other, for both the winners and non-winners. Winners bring home the joy of victory and pride for themselves and their school, while the non-winners get to learn from the experience that motivates them to strive harder for excellence not only in future competitions, but in their studies as well.

The Pautakan is not only for the contestants, but also for the coaches and the rest of the audience. The UP Aguman members also prepare many interactive knowledge games for them. During the breaks, the non-contestants who witness the event also get the chance to share their knowledge and insights. Indeed, the Pautakan is for anyone who values knowledge and aims to use it for the betterment of themselves and our society.

The Pautakan also showcases Kapampangan wit and intelligence to other regions of the country. The Pautakan winners get the privilege of being the representatives of the UP Aguman, and of Pampanga, in the annual PatalaSanlahi. It is an academic and arts contest organized by the UP Sanlahi Alliance of UP Diliman, of which the UP Aguman is a founding member. Held in the UP Diliman campus, the PatalaSanlahi is participated by the respective winners of the academic competitions of the other regional and provincial organizations that are members of the UP Sanlahi Alliance.

Truly, the Pautakan has become an academic benchmark for the students and schools in Pampanga. Being a part of it can be an experience that one will never forget in one's lifetime. In fact, some contestants meet each other again in college, and most often, they'd be talking about and sharing their own respective Pautakan memories.



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THE PAUTAKAN HISTORY

A year after its official recognition from the state university, the UP Aguman launched the Pautakan in 1974. This flagship project was the brainchild of charter-member Danilo Galang. He patterned it after the Engineering Radio Guild (ERG) Quiz Show at the UPD College of Engineering.

The Educational Committee, then headed by Renan del Rosario implemented the 1974 Pautakan as its first major project during the term of Ernesto Mangune as the President. The highly coveted revolving trophy went to Sacred Heart Seminary (now Chevalier School). In terms of number of participating schools, considered the most successful was the Pautakan held in 1986 wherein 23 schools competed. This was during the term of Mark Roy Lozada with Enrique Galang as the Pautakan Project Head.

The Pautakan has evolved through the years with the adoption of some innovative changes. At the 5th Pautakan in 1978, during the term of Rosve Henson (President) and Ma. Rosario Lopez (Project Head), it saw the inclusion of some Tarlac-based schools. With the success of the activity in the secondary level, UP Aguman introduced Pautakan to the college level in October 1988 during the term of Bayani Alberto Abordo (President) and Jose Erwin Enriquez (Project Head). Similarly, an elementary-level category, aptly called Junior Pautakan was launched in 1995 during the term of Joanna Navarro (President) and Francis Timbol (Project Head).

For its 35th year, the UP Aguman Alumni Association partnered with the residents for a special anniversary project, the Pautakan: The Last Mind Standing. This event is similar to the Pautakan except that this is an individual competition. Contestants will battle against each other and only one person with "the brightest mind" will be left standing.

The Pautakan has emerged as the province's premier academic arena where perennial rival schools meet. In effect, this reach-out program is just one way of pursuing UP Aguman's commitment to serve the best interest of the Kapampangan students by enhancing the academic standards of the schools in the area.

THE PAUTAKAN CHAMPIONS THROUGH THE YEARS

FIRST TEN

High School Champions

1974 Sacred Heart Seminary
1975 Don Bosco Academy
1976 Sacred Heart Seminary
1977 St Scholastica's Academy
1978 St Scholastica's Academy
1979 Holy Family Academy
1980 Jose Abad Santos High School
1981 Chevalier School
1982 Chevalier School
1983 Chevalier School

RECENT High School Champions

2004 St Scholastica's Academy
2005 Chevalier School
2006 University of the Assumption
2007 Don Bosco Academy
2008 Holy Angel University
2009 Holy Angel University
2010 St Scholastica's Academy
2011 St Scholastica's Academy
2012 Pampanga High School
2013 Information and Communication
Technology High School
2014 Information Technology High School
2015 Pampanga High School
2016 Holy Family Academy
2017 University of the Assumption

RECENT Junior Champions

2004 Don Bosco Academy
2005 St Scholastica's Academy
2006 Chevalier School
2007 Holy Family Academy
2008 St Scholastica's Academy
2009 Achievers Special Education
Center
2010 Holy Family Academy
2011 Holy Family Academy
2012 St. Scholastica's Academy
2013 Angeles City SPED Center
2014 Angeles City SPED Center
2015 Santo Rosario Elementary School
2016 San Fernando Elementary School
2017 Holy Family Academy



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Through the Pautakan, UP Aguman members are able to share to their younger fellow students what they learned in the university. At the same time, the Pautakan prepares them for the college life. For the contestants, qualifying for and winning in the Pautakan is a mark of an achiever. Not surprisingly, a number of former participants in the quiz show eventually qualified for admissions to the state university. In fact, many of them later became members of the UP Aguman. Some of them even became Pautakan Project Heads.

For more than four decades now, the warm reception that Pautakan has been receiving has transformed this annual project into a tradition which is too good to ignore – a tradition wherein schools from Pampanga have been constantly waiting for each year. Today it remains as a symbol of UP Aguman's enduring and unwavering commitment to the younger academic sector of their beloved province.

THE PAUTAKAN SCHEDULE

Here is a brief overview of how the flow of Pautakan looks like.

FIRST DAY

Registration
Opening Ceremonies
Group Dynamics
-LUNCH BREAK-
Elementary Level Eliminations
Elementary Level Championships

SECOND DAY

Late Registration (High School Level)
High School Level Elimination
Encounters
-LUNCH BREAK-
HS Losers' Pool Elimination
HS Winners' Pool Elimination

THIRD DAY

HS Championship Encounters
HS Final Encounters
Awarding Ceremonies

THE PAUTAKAN 2018

TENTATIVE DATE: October 13, 20, and 21, 2018

TENTATIVE VENUE: Heroes Hall



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ELEMENTARY PAUTAKAN RULES

CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Participants must be bona fide elementary students who shall carry the name of their respective schools.
- There shall be only two (2) official coaches per team (preferably an adviser and/or a faculty member).
- There shall be a maximum of five (5) contestants per school. Should there be more than 14 participating schools, a Mass Elimination Round will be conducted, in which all five (5) contestants shall participate. However, only three (3) students at a time can compete in the succeeding rounds.
- Substitution shall only be allowed midway in an Encounter (i.e. after the 5th question in a 10-question Encounter). In the Elimination Round, substitution is allowed every thirds of the Round (i.e. after the 8th and 16th question of the 25-question Round). If a tie ensues, substitution will be allowed for the five-question Clincher Round in the Eliminations and for the three-question Clincher Round in the Championships. If the tie remains unresolved after the Clincher Round, substitution will also be allowed before the first knockout question is read.
- Each team is required to be at the contest site fifteen (15) minutes before the contest proper. Should a team be late for an Encounter or an Elimination Round, a leeway of fifteen (15) minutes will be given. If a team still fails to arrive after the 15 minutes, it is automatically disqualified for the Encounter or Elimination Round. In an Encounter, the other team will be declared the winner.
- The contest shall be composed of a Written Phase and an Oral Phase, the mechanics of which are as follows:
 - a. The Written Phase will make use of answer sheets. No calculators, slide rules, and the like shall be allowed. The contestants are expected to bring their own pens and/or pencils.
 - b. The Oral Phase utilizes a timer-buzzer device. The contestants shall be briefed on the mechanics of this before the contest proper starts.
- Questions will revolve around Mathematics, General Science, History and Current Events, Arts and Literature, and General Information and Trivia. Each question shall have its corresponding number of points, and allotted time depending upon its degree of difficulty. The questions may be in English, Filipino or Kapampangan.
- Complaints on a particular question shall be entertained by the Board of Judges only before the next question is asked. The complaint shall not be entertained thereafter. Only the team captain and one of the team's coaches may approach the Board of Judges to air the complaint.
- The complainants shall be the one to present their sources, if necessary. The UP Aguman will neither present nor divulge its sources as its questions and answers are valid. The decision of the Board of Judges is final and binding.
- Any form of coaching from the audience shall be penalized either by nullifying the answer of the team in question, disqualifying the team from the Encounter or Round, or more severely, by disqualifying the team from the contest. There shall be proctors who shall keep watch for any form of coaching from the audience.



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- All rules and regulations shall be strictly followed and implemented.
- UP Aguman reserves the right to modify or alter the aforementioned rules as the need arises.

THE MASS ELIMINATION ROUND

This round shall be conducted only in the event that more than 14 participating schools arrive. Otherwise, the Encounters will immediately commence. During this round, each team shall be given a written multiple-choice test to be cooperatively accomplished in one (1) hour and 30 minutes.

The examination, composed of 100 questions, will be a random assortment of easy, average and difficult questions covered in the five categories mentioned before.

After the allotted time limit, checking will immediately follow. The top 14 scorers will proceed to the Written Phase and the rest will be eliminated.

Should there be any ties for the qualifying ranks, a set of 10 tiebreaker questions to be accomplished in 15 minutes will be given to each concerned team until the ties have been resolved and the ranks finalized.

WRITTEN PHASE: ELIMINATION ROUND

During the 25-question Elimination Round, questions will be divided into Easy, Average, and Difficult, each with corresponding points of 10, 15, and 20, respectively. The quizmaster shall read each question twice, and each team shall write the answer on the sheet provided for, within the allotted time, after which checking immediately follows. The top three scorers will advance to the Championship Round.

In case of a tie, five (5) Clincher Questions will be given to break the tie between and/or among parties involved. If the tie remains unresolved after five (5) questions, the knockout system will then be employed. In a knockout system, the first team to get the correct answer secures the higher place and the other team moves to the next place.

Those who will qualify will be awarded points that will be carried on to the next round.

POINT SCORING:

1st - 15 points

2nd - 10 points

3rd - 5 points



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ORAL PHASE: CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

This oral phase is mainly an organized sequence of one-on-one matches called Encounters. Initial pairings will be determined by drawing lots but each team will have a chance to compete with the other two teams.

Ten (10) questions will be given in each Encounter. The length of the corresponding time limit for each question will depend on the question's difficulty. Each team will be given only one (1) chance to answer. The first team to buzz-in will be given five (5) seconds to declare their answer. During the 5-second allowance, the time limit countdown will be temporarily paused. If the first team fails to answer correctly, countdown will resume and the other team will be given the remaining duration of the time limit to buzz-in and similarly, five (5) seconds to answer. No more steals will be allowed thereafter.

The team shall wait for its school to be acknowledged by the quizmasters after buzzing-in, before any of its members gives an answer. If a team fails to do so for the first time, it incurs its first warning. On the succeeding instances, however, the team shall be disqualified from answering the question.

The team with the most number of points wins the Encounter. Each win will merit the team 15 points which will be added to the points garnered in the Elimination Round. If a tie arises in an Encounter, three (3) additional questions will be given to break the tie. If the tie is not yet resolved after the set of three questions, the knockout system will be employed – the first team to answer a question correctly wins the encounter.

The team with the highest number of total points will be declared the JUNIOR PAUTAKAN CHAMPION. The second highest will be the second placer and the third will take the third place. Should a tie ensue after the points are tallied, the teams involved in the tie will compete in additional Encounters to break the tie.



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HIGH SCHOOL PAUTAKAN RULES

CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Participants must be bona fide junior high school students and they shall carry the name of their respective schools.
- There shall be only two (2) official coaches per team (preferably an adviser and/or a faculty member).
- There shall be a maximum of five (5) contestants per school. Should there be more than 14 participating schools, a Mass Elimination Round will be conducted, in which all five (5) contestants shall participate. However, only three (3) students at a time can compete in the succeeding rounds.
- Substitution will only be allowed midway of an encounter (i.e. after the 5th question in the 10-question Encounters). In the Losers'/Winners' Pool Elimination Round, substitution will be allowed every thirds of the round (i.e. after the 8th and the 16th question in the 25-question Elimination Round). If a tie ensues, substitution will be allowed for the five-question Clincher Round in the Eliminations and for the three-question Clincher Round in the Championships. If the tie remains unresolved after the Clincher Round, substitution will also be allowed before the first knockout question is read.
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The examination, composed of 100 questions, will be a random assortment of easy, average and difficult questions covered in the eight categories mentioned before.

After the allotted time limit, checking will immediately follow. If there are more than 16 participating schools, the top 14 scorers will move on to the Encounters and the rest will participate in another round to choose the Wild Card. However, if there are only 16 participating schools or less, the top 14 scorers will move on to the Encounters and the rest will be eliminated.

Should there be any ties for the qualifying ranks, a set of 10 tiebreaker questions to be accomplished in 15 minutes will be given to each team concerned until the ties have been resolved and the ranks finalized.

THE ENCOUNTERS

This oral phase is mainly an organized sequence of one-on-one matches called Encounters. Initial pairings will be determined by drawing lots. If there are an odd number of teams, the unpaired team automatically advances to the Winners' Pool without the 10-point incentive given for winning an Encounter.

Ten (10) questions will be given in each Encounter. The length of the corresponding time limit for each question will depend on the question's difficulty. Each team will be given only one (1) chance to answer. The first team to buzz-in will be given five (5) seconds to declare their answer. During the 5-second allowance, the time limit countdown will be temporarily paused. If the first team fails to answer correctly, countdown will resume and the other team will be given the remaining duration of the time limit to buzz in and similarly, five (5) seconds to answer. No more steals will be allowed thereafter.



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The team shall wait for its school to be acknowledged by the quizmasters after buzzing-in, before any of its members gives an answer. If a team fails to do so for the first time, it incurs its first warning. On the succeeding instances, however, the team shall be disqualified from answering the question.

The team with the most number of points after ten (10) questions wins the Encounter and will be awarded ten (10) points, which will be carried on to the Winners' Pool Elimination Round. If a tie ensues, the knockout system will be employed. Knockout Questions will be asked and the first to answer correctly wins the encounter. All winning teams will move to the Winners' Pool and all losing teams to the Losers' Pool.

Complaints on a particular question shall be entertained by the Board of Judges only before the next question is asked. The complaint shall not be entertained thereafter. Only the team captain and one of the team's coaches may approach the Board of Judges to air the complaint. The complainants shall be the one to present their sources, if necessary. The UP Aguman will neither present nor divulge its sources as its questions and answers are valid. The decision of the Board of Judges is final and binding.

THE WILD CARD

This round shall be conducted only in the event that more than 16 participating schools arrive. The teams that did not qualify for the top 14 from the Mass Elimination Round will compete in a 5-question Elimination Round. Questions will be divided into Easy, Average, and Difficult, each with corresponding points of 10, 15, and 20, respectively. The quizmaster shall read each question twice and each team shall write their answer on the sheet provided for, within the allotted time, after which checking immediately follows. The top scorer will advance to the Losers' Pool Elimination Round and the rest are eliminated. In case of a tie, the knockout system will then be employed.

THE LOSERS' POOL ELIMINATION ROUND

All teams in the Losers' Pool will compete in a 25-question Elimination Round. This is the first part of the written phase. Questions will be divided into Easy, Average, and Difficult, each with corresponding points of 10, 15, and 20, respectively. The quizmaster shall read each question twice and each team shall write their answer on the sheet provided for, within the allotted time, after which checking immediately follows. The top three (3) scorers will advance to the Winners' Pool Elimination Round (without the 10-point incentive) and the rest are eliminated.

In case of a tie, five (5) clincher questions will be given to break the tie between parties involved. If the tie remains unresolved after five (5) questions, the knockout system will then be employed.



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THE WINNERS' POOL ELIMINATION ROUND

All teams in the Winners' Pool will compete in a 25-question Elimination Round, the format of which is similar to the Losers' Pool Elimination Round. The top five (5) scorers will advance to the Championship Round, and the rest are eliminated. Those who will qualify for the Championship Round will be awarded points as follows:

1st - 25 points

2nd - 20 points

3rd - 15 points

4th - 10 points

5th - 5 points

THE CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

The top five (5) teams will compete with one another in 10-question Encounters, the mechanics of which are similar to the earlier Encounters. Each team will be given a chance to compete with the other teams and earn ten (10) points for each encounter won. Initial pairings will be decided through drawing lots. However, if a team manages to win the first three Encounters and garners the most number of points after the partial scores (from both Winners' Pool Elimination and Championship Rounds) have been tallied, the team's fourth encounter will be moved to the last part.

After all Encounters, the two top-scoring teams from both the Elimination and the Championship Rounds will advance to the Final Encounter(s) with the higher scoring team having a twice-to-beat advantage.

If a team manages to win all its Encounters in the Championship Round and garners the most number of points after all scores (from both the Winners' Pool Elimination and Championship Rounds) have been tallied, that team is declared the PAUTAKAN 2018 CHAMPION. The Final Encounter(s) then will no longer be necessary.

If a team manages to win all its Encounters in the Championship Round and takes the second place after all scores (from both the Winners' Pool Elimination and Championship Rounds) have been tallied, that team automatically qualifies for the Final Encounter(s). However, the top team, in this case, will not have a twice-to-beat advantage.

In any event wherein a team wins all its encounters and ends up in a tie for any position except for the first place, that team automatically secures that position. A tiebreaking encounter will no longer be necessary. However, if a team wins all its encounters and ends up in a tie for the first place, the two teams will proceed to the Final Encounter(s) with the team that won all its encounters having a twice-to-beat advantage.

If a tie ensues after all the points are tallied, the teams involved in the tie will then compete in additional Encounters until the tie is resolved.



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FINAL ENCOUNTERS

As earlier stated, the top two teams from the Championship Round will compete in a deciding match. However, the team who garners the higher score will have a twice-to-beat advantage over the other team. That is, the runner-up of the Championship Round will need to win in two Encounters to become the PAUTAKAN 2018 CHAMPION.



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THE PAUTAKAN – BEHIND THE SCENES

The Pautakan is an academic competition that is organized by a group of Kapampangan college students from UP Diliman. To coordinate such a prestigious event while we study away from home is no easy feat.

THE LAUNCH

Each year's Pautakan is launched by the Educational Committee roughly two months before the contest itself. However, that does not mean that the preparations will only start right then. A few months earlier, the committee, headed by its Chairperson, already started fixing the major details like the venue, the date and the theme for the annually waited event. All other minor details (but not any less important) like questions assignments, trophies, and medals are announced on the launch during a special general assembly specifically called for such. Simply, the launch reminds everyone that it's crunch time in making sure that the most awaited quiz show in Pampanga is worth the yearly wait.

THE QUESTIONS

The questions of the Pautakan are one of the things that make it stand out from other academic competitions. They are made by the members themselves and are screened meticulously by the Category Question Heads and the Education Committee members. Pautakan questions are rarely straightforward. The standard format is to provide a few more information about the topic before asking the question. The extra information not only serves to introduce the question and help the contestants understand it better, but also to provide something more for the listening audience. In the Pautakan quiz show, everyone, even the audience, get to learn as well.

THE BUZZER

The UP Aguman employs a special buzzer and timer system for its Encounter Rounds. It has an automatic shut-off mechanism that prevents the other team to buzz in, when the other has already buzzed ahead. When a team buzzes, the question timer pauses and the time to answer officially starts. Once the time to answer is over, the question timer resumes.

THE QUIZ SHOW

The Pautakan is not just an ordinary academic contest – it is an enjoyable quiz show extravaganza. Most academic quiz shows have a monotonous and boring atmosphere, especially for the audience. It is for this precise reason that the UP Aguman brings some entertaining elements in the Pautakan to let the audience know that being smart or learning for that matter, can be fun.



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THE PAUTAKAN TESTIMONIALS

The Pautakan can make a lasting impact in a participant's academic life. Take it from these people who've had the privilege of being a Pautakan contestant and experiencing its impact.

Pautakan is not entirely an intellectual competition; it's a venue for social interaction. It's not just a quiz show for unrelated talents; it's a gathering... An ENCOUNTER.

- Mike Peñalba, Don Bosco Academy (DBA) Pautakan Team 2000 and 2001

Being a Pautakan contestant was a great experience for me. At first, I thought that it would be just an ordinary quiz show, but definitely not because what I witnessed was a quiz show full of action and suspense!

Seriously, I uttered the phrase "Mamamatay nako, di ko na kaya!" due to extreme nerves! That was almost every encounter. My Pautakan days were some of the best moments I will never forget in my entire life.

- Cindy Paguio, St Scholastica's Academy (SSA) Pautakan Team 2004

What does it take to be a Pautakan champion? Actually, there are several. First, you should have the passion and dedication on what you really want to achieve. Sometimes, it's the innate love that drives your willpower to win! Second, you should have the interest to go beyond the basic knowledge a high school student has. Amazing facts and techniques in analysis are just in your school library. Discipline yourself to be diligent in further study you really want to dig; remember that it is so cool to be smart! Third, you and your teammates should have unity. Way back then, I personally learned that a systematic agreement among my comrades is such a crucial part of the game. Fourth, there should be NO PRESSURE! If you feel that heaviness, you would lose. Thank God I didn't prolong that feeling in the succeeding encounters of my Pautakan days. This leads to the fifth one: You should have faith. Trust me. PRAYERS CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS! I just proved it the moment my team won. Moreover, it changed how I look towards my goals in life. Now, buckle up, break a leg, and prove the power of your mind!

- John Carl Gozun, Chevalier School (CS) Pautakan Team 2005

I joined the Pautakan during my Elementary and High School years — I never won, though, haha! UP Aguman and the Pautakan's essence dawned on me only during my high school senior year — that it is the most exciting and most prestigious academic competition. Parang Olympics talaga. It would've been more fulfilling if my team won, but the experience was not any less meaningful. The Pautakan really does make you assess yourself, your competence, your goals, etc. The experience really makes you want to aim for more, to not settle for mediocrity, to raise the 'bar' — which apparently, was the real goal of the Pautakan, something I learned when I myself became part of the organization that's behind the quiz show for the past 34 years. I ALWAYS look forward to it each year, not only to secretly root for my alma mater but also to interact with the kids. And I am proud of the contestants when they get to answer the questions I made. But more than that, it's so great to see dreams of these kids come true (which was once mine, too, right?), especially for the eventual Pautakan Champion teams each year.

Here in the UP Aguman, we don't get to give away cash, appliances or other monetary prizes. We really wish we could. But the thing is, we're just a humble non-stock, nonprofit organization, we have many other worthwhile projects to spend on.



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Besides, in the future, I can always buy those things, and probably even donate some of them for my alma mater school. But no matter how financially successful I become someday, I will only have one chance to give them that precious Pautakan trophy, and to myself, that precious Pautakan medal. And it's something money can't buy.

- Rex Dizon, DBA Pautakan Team 1996 and 2000

Being part of Holy Family Academy's academic team is a privilege. Winning in the Pautakan is a prestige. The Pautakan, one of the most prestigious elementary and high school academic competitions in Pampanga, is the most exciting and thrilling contest that our team joined. Its unorthodox rules made the event so memorable for us, especially when we clinched to proceed to the final round against CS, after defeating DBA by a single crucial point on the last question. Until now I can still recall how our team's story became like a movie, with us of course, being the protagonists. We started out in the loser's pool and ranked 4 of 5 before entering the encounters. Then we almost bagged the championship by winning 3 out of our 4 encounters.

Nevertheless, entering the final round was something we were not really expecting especially after how we've been left behind by our other competitors. When we won against DBA in the last encounter, it was like we won the Finals. We almost forgot that we still need to play against CS to win the championship. We were greatly overwhelmed. I guess the rules in Pautakan are responsible for creating dramatic stories in every team and in every batch of competing schools.

The Pautakan shares with its participants not only the trophies and the awards, but also the chance to be a part of a prestigious competition and the chance to meet new friends from other schools. It does not only foster a competitive ambiance but rather an atmosphere of friendship that makes the competition even more exciting.

- Dondon Dy, Holy Family Academy (HFA) Pautakan Team 2001 and 2005

As participant, I never really exerted that much effort on studying for these kinds of contests. But truth is: the PAUTAKAN is PAUTAKAN. Peka-prestigious ya atang acad contest ini keti Pampanga! Sana mig-exert ku pang effort para mekapag-prepare. And it's such an enjoyably sweet torture!

As a Pautakan Project Head, I loved the job. But never did I imagine it's such hard work! Two months before the event, we already had to prepare just to make sure that it will be successful. If only I knew how hard the Aguman members prepared for the event, I would've prepared better as a contestant then to give them a good show. I've learned to appreciate how Pautakan supplements the mental and social development of its contestants. It's not just a mere quiz show. It's a rendezvous for students from various schools to share insights/opinions and a medium where friendships are built.

For the mems, the Pautakan is a training ground. Dakal ka abalu at adevelop na agamit mu in the future — being responsible, punctual, cool-headed ampo pagiging alisto or bibo. Patse akit mu ing abie ning Pautakan, emu isipan na obra or burden yamu ini.

-Fergie Panganiban, Holy Angel University (HAU) Pautakan Team 2004, Pautakan 2006 Project Head

"Pautakan Team" — that was what the academic team at my high school was called. Even if we joined other academic contests not named "Pautakan", it was still named as such. Eight years after my last stint as a contestant, I would have to say I



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miss the pressure. I miss the pressure of being the only school to answer some of the Physics questions. I miss being bitter about a question regarding Mariah Carrey's Song. Simply put, Pautakan changes you after the wins and losses. And I also witnessed how non-contestants are affected every time a question is answered. If Pautakan were a song it would be Atin Cu Pung Singing for me — you can't live a life as a Capampangan, without hearing about it... That is THE PAUTAKAN!

-Argel Casupanan, ACHS-SSC Pautakan Team 1998 and 1999, Pautakan 2003 Project Head

Every year, the Pautakan raises the bar on how a good quality quiz show should be. It gathers the most brilliant students here in Pampanga. It maintains its standard for its difficult but witty questions. Being a Pautakan participant in my high school years, joining the contest was such an honor, to carry your school's colors, in such a prestigious contest like this. The Pautakan is, and will always be, the biggest quiz show in Pampanga.

-Renz Caliguia, St Vincent Academy of Apalit (SVA) Pautakan Team 2003

Joining the Pautakan is plainly and simply a prestige. It's one of the most difficult wit-battles anyone could ever encounter since it does not just gauge plain knowledge but your tenacity to stay put in fighting as well.

-Celine Dagdag, University of the Assumption (UA) Pautakan Team 2002

As a high school Pautakan contestant, I used to get intimidated by the eloquence of quiz master Kuya Hermie in oral encounters, especially when SSC answers, and he says, "I'm sorry... I'm sorry HFA, but SSC's answer is correct!" Haha! Being one of the organizers, I had numerous opportunities to actually sit beside him and do my own share of intimidation. Haha, kidding!

I also had a notion before that being a quiz master was that easy, but no, it's not. Much like being a contestant, being a quiz master entails presence of mind. You have to pay attention to every little detail all at once – contestants looking at the audience, audience coaching the contestants, contestants answering before being acknowledged, contestants answering after the five-second time was given, and a lot more. I would have to say that the way coaches and contestants perceive the competition was largely dependent on how the quizmasters (and judges, for that matter) take on their roles. One little mistake could lead to complaints that could take too long to resolve. If complaints from any school made me feel tense before when I was a contestant, they make me way tenser now that I am one of the organizers. It's more worrisome when the integrity of the competition that's been here long enough than the senior resident member has is at stake.

-Pie Pamintuan, HFA Pautakan Team 1999 and 2002, Pautakan 2005 Project Head

The UP Aguman has gotten me through the most nerve-racking moments of my life. The Pautakan never failed to raise the bar for interschool competitions – this year wasn't an exception. Although we didn't get the coveted "Boi Negro", we still had loads of fun, made some new friends, and learned tons of facts to make our classmates' noses bleed.

-Diana Angeline Fidellaga, HFA, Pautakan 2007 4th Placer



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It was a great pleasure winning the prestigious acad contest. Also, it would be the first time in 18 years that it will be held in DBA. And first time in Mabalacat. Thanks! It was a great experience!

-Madison Dominguez, DBA, Pautakan 2007 Champion

Being in the PAUTAKAN is more than just a privilege. It's more than just the usual boring quiz show that any entity can establish. Losing hurts. Losing as many times as you could imagine hurts even more. If it does hurt, then it's really worth the pain.

-Buduy Mallari, DBA Pautakan Team 2000, 2001, 2004, 2005 and 2006, Pautakan 2008 Project Head

The 37th Pautakan was different from those I attended before, for I came not as a contestant but as a member of the UP Aguman. I wasn't anymore there as a participant, nervous of how the event might turn out. I was there to help make the event possible. . . Though I had left to study in another university, I remained to be an Angelian at heart. I exulted for every encounter they won and for every question they answered correctly. . . Despite how the event turned out, I had to accept that another school deserved the title more than my alma mater. Besides, two years of being the champion is enough to prove my school's worth.

Pautakan experience as a contestant differs from that as an Agumem. However, its essence remains the same. The results of it may be favourable or not. But one thing is for sure, being a part of it is one of the things I could not let pass in life.

-Royette Mamangun, HAU, Pautakan 2008 and 2009 Champion, Pautakan 2013 Project Head

Pautakan is the most exciting academic competition that I had ever joined. Not only are the questions mindstimulating, the unique contest mechanics and all the competitive participants make the event even more exhilarating. I do hope for the coming years that a greater number of students from the different parts of Pampanga will be able to have a chance to experience Pautakan at its best.

-Ruby Mamangun, HAU Pautakan Team 2006 and 2007, Pautakan 2010 and 2011 Project Head

The Pautakan 2007 is a learning experience for me. Being a contestant itself is already a big thing. From the review until the contest itself, I was able to gain knowledge about everything and anything under the sun. The event was well-prepared by the UP Aguman. The questions were really unexpected. Sino ba naming makakasagot ng mga tanong na never heard of di ba? I didn't only learn academically but I also learned to make friends with my opponents and to be strong despite of losing. Being one of the contestants for the Pautakan was once in a lifetime experience for me. It's not only a test of wits but also a test on how you remain strong kahit na dinudugo na ang ilong mo.

-Abigail Sunga, SSA, Pautakan 2007 Contestant, Pautakan 2012 Project Head



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SHARING SIMILAR VISIONS

For more than four decades, the Pautakan has become a threshold for Kapampangan students to invigorate and demonstrate not only their knowledge about academic disciplines but within other areas as well. It has become a venue to instill the importance of learning beyond the usual school system, a venue to assess and reflect upon the relevant issues that Kapampangans hurdle in their everyday life. It has remained to be an annual reunion of wit, wisdom, and knowledge among Kapampangan students. Despite the event's continuous evolution since its first year in 1974, the Pautakan has always strived to promote camaraderie and to inculcate sociable ties among the various participating schools, while trying to cope with inevitable changes in the society.

For more than four decades, the UP Aguman has been reaching out to schools all over the province to invite them to participate in this worthwhile event. The members work tirelessly to think of ways and means to shift up the gears of Pautakan and rev it up for the eventual Kapampangan contestants. To put up such an event annually is difficult, not to mention that Aguman members also have to deal with their own academic courses. Nonetheless, UP Aguman members still want to continue the tradition that Pautakan is, without expecting anything in return, to serve the Kapampangan people – a commitment that each and every Aguman member have sworn into.

As much as UP Aguman wants to reach all ends of the province and to encourage schools and people to participate in the Pautakan, it still needs help from other institutions. This is one of the reasons as to why UP Aguman seeks for the Pautakan to be given an official accreditation or recognition by the Department of Education – Region III, as an annual quiz show that promotes academic well-being and discipline for the students of Pampanga.

We, the UP Aguman, believe that the Pautakan is genuinely in line with DepEd's vision of educating the Filipino youth, though the means may be different. Likewise, the Pautakan is in line with DepEd's goal of making ways for students to discover their full potential and to lay out foundations for life-long learning. DepEd and UP Aguman both have a commitment to serve the best interest and the common good of the people by promoting education as a way to develop and enrich oneself.



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WHY ASK FOR ACCREDITATION?

- **TO DISTINGUISH PAUTAKAN**

Having an accreditation from the DepEd would give the Pautakan a distinction among other academic contests and events in Pampanga. It would help further inform Kapampangans of what the Pautakan is all about and of what it embodies and promotes. This would also help to show the differences between Pautakan from other similar contests, as Pautakan is not just an academic contest, but a gathering of students who aspire for further learning. While the Pautakan is already renowned among the academic circles, we humbly admit that to the ordinary Kapampangan on the street, it is virtually unknown.

- **TO ENCOURAGE MORE SCHOOLS**

Having an accreditation will help UP Aguman encourage more schools to participate in the event. Schools will be more eager to join since the DepEd recognizes the event. UP Aguman will also have access and information about far-end schools in the province through the DepEd. Moreover, this will allow UP Aguman to distribute invitation letters for the schools in a more efficient manner. We want to bring the Pautakan experience to most of the young great minds in our province.

- **TO ENCOURAGE SPONSORSHIPS**

To back the financial aspect of the Pautakan, UP Aguman has been continually seeking out for sponsors each year. Truly, the organization has been lucky year after year to have acquired generous partners that have made possible to realize the competition. Recognition from a legitimate and respectable educational institution such as the DepEd will attract more generous benefactors from individuals, groups and other institutions.