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Please be informed that UP Aguman has laid out annual review sessions for graduating Grade 12 Kapampangan students. The College Entrance Examination Review (CEER) is a project which aims to inform and equip students with the essential knowledge and awareness that would help them be ready to embark in college life.

Attached are the letter from Mr. John Keneth A. Mangalino, School-Relations Committee Head, CEER 2019 Project Head, and the details of the project, for information and reference.

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# UP AGUMAN

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Dear Madam:

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, non-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 truth, to promote man's inherent goodness and capabilities, and to appreciate the importance of human relations.

With **education** having precedence over the organization's priorities, UP Aguman has laid out **annual review sessions** for graduating Grade 12 Kapampangan students. The **College Entrance Examination Review (CEER)** is a project crafted with the intention to inform and equip students with the essential knowledge and awareness that would help them be ready to embark on college life. The whole-day event would feature guest instructors and professors from UP Diliman who would share their knowledge and expertise in their respective fields to help students prepare for the upcoming admission exams of different colleges and universities.


In line with this aim and having the same sentiments about the importance of education, the organization would once again like to forge a partnership with the **Department of Education – ANGELES CITY**. We would also like to request for a list of schools in the secondary level together with their contact information, under the **Division of Angeles City**. An official endorsement and accreditation by your generous office would greatly push the CEER in a much better direction. As a group of young people with own responsibilities in the university, we have managed to maintain a tradition of excellence in education and learning among our fellow young students in our beloved Pampanga. We believe that with sufficient support from more relevant institutions, we can do so much more.


Should you have any inquiries, please feel free to contact the CEER 2019 Project Head, John Keneth A. Mangalino at 0921 692 5923 or email us at [upaguman.ceer@gmail.com](mailto:upaguman.ceer@gmail.com).

Thank you in anticipation of your timely & favorable response. We will be eternally grateful.

We remain not for ourselves alone.

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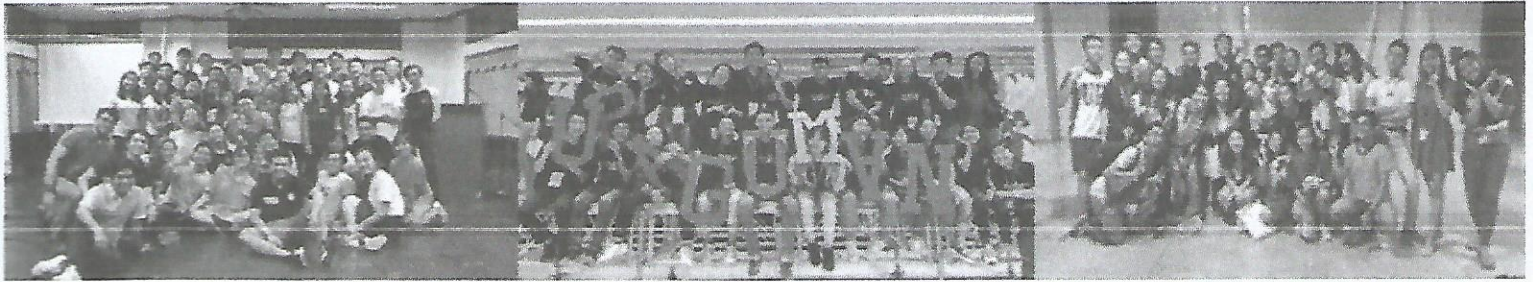
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## WHAT IS UP AGUMAN?

UP Aguman is a **socio-civic, non-stock, non-profit organization of Kapampangan-speaking students** of the University of the Philippines Diliman. The organization embodies its aims to always uphold the truth, to promote man's intrinsic integrity and aptitudes, and to appreciate the importance of establishing a good rapport with others.

## UP AGUMAN HISTORY

Since the early 30's, Kapampangan-speaking students of the University of the Philippines Diliman had 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, some Kapampangan members of Lakas Diwa, an organization that aimed to promote the development of the Filipino language, led a renewed move. In essence, the 'splinter group' of Kapampangan students adopted the concept of establishing a similar union that would particularly do the same for their native language.

Eduardo Cunan, an Architecture student, directed the university-wide recruitment effort which fascinated 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 the UP Aguman members lost the opportunity to have the organization recognized by the university's Office of Student Affairs. Nonetheless, the organization continued its efforts to promote their Kapampangan ethnicity in the campus up until the point where the turmoil surrounding the university became more prevalent, which forced the organization to gradually disband.

In 1973, two years after the separation of the members, the original batch of the UP Aguman spearheaded a move in order to revive the group, 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, the UP Aguman successfully hurdled the stringent criteria for recognition. On December 12, 1973, the UP Aguman was given its long-awaited due recognition from the state university.

In the home province of Pampanga, people sometimes think that the 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, the UP Aguman has served not only the Kapampangan students in UP Diliman, but Kapampangans residing in Pampanga as well. From academic and cultural to service-oriented activities, the 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 endeavors of college life in the flagship campus of the country's premier university and an avenue for physical, social and cultural growth as individuals and as Kapampangans.

Immediately after its recognition, the 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 46 years of existence**. Held every October of each academic year, this highly anticipated contest officially opens the quiz bee season participated by the best schools in Pampanga.

In the mid-1980s, the UP Aguman embarked on yet another competition that showcased the **Kapampangan youth's 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 **20 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 such as 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, the organization invites graduating senior high school students of Pampanga for a whole-day affair of **mock exams, review sessions, course orientation**, and other tips that would aim to help them make the right choice when it comes to choosing the best university come college, as well as providing them a better chance of passing the different college entrance examinations by subjecting them to an exam akin to that of the coveted University of the Philippines College Admission Test (UPCAT).

However rich its history and achievements may be, the story of the UP Aguman is not without obstacles and setbacks. In December 2002, the organization 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, the UP Aguman was relegated in a desperate fiscal situation resulting on it not being 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, non-profit organization like the UP Aguman, but instead of giving up, the members worked doubly hard 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, the 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.

Today, the UP Aguman still functions with its guiding core values of **truth, faith, and kinship**. It continues its tradition of service and leadership, all the while firmly believing that although the members are still just students, they can help make a positive difference in their beloved province.

## UP AGUMAN CREED

*"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 (Membership 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 distributed into the committees to coordinate the several major and minor activities of the organization. The College Entrance Examination Review is managed by the External Affairs Committee with the Vice-President serving as the CEER Project Head.



## WHAT IS CEER?

The College Entrance Examination Review (CEER) is an **annual review session** dedicated to help graduating senior high school students on their journey towards the next big chapter of their lives. One of the main goals of this event is to **impart learnings and valuable experiences** to fellow Kapampangans by simulating how an actual college entrance examination would **play out**, specifically that of the coveted University of the Philippines College Admission Test (UPCAT). Students would be given time to **answer** supplementary booklets containing questions coming from different fields of knowledge, all of which are catered to be **similar** to what is found on common college entrance examinations.

In this year's CEER, there would be four Saturdays allotted for the review sessions. After the students are **finished answering** the exam, their answer sheets would be collected for tallying of scores, and then, esteemed instructors or professors **would come** to discuss the answers to the questions in the questionnaire and allot time for the students' queries regarding the exam. **The discussion** part of the review would be divided into the different subjects such as Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Vocabulary, **etc.**, to ensure that all subjects of interest would be covered. For the culmination part of the event, students who are among the **top scorers** shall be recognized. The exam, together with their corrected answer sheets, shall also be given back to the participating **students** for them to have a comprehensive reviewer come the day of college admission examinations. In addition, supplementary **booklets**, containing helpful formula in the field of Science and Mathematics, shall be distributed among participants.

It is important to note that all of the four Saturday review sessions would just be similar to one another. **The reason** behind multiple days of CEER is for the students to be able to choose a date and place of review that suits them, and **for the members** of the UP Aguman to be able to cover majority of Pampanga in order to serve the best interest of the Kapampangan **youth**.

## CEER 2019

Tentative Dates	Tentative Venues
July 6, 2019	University of Assumption ( <i>City of San Fernando Leg</i> )
July 13, 2019	St. Scholastica's Academy ( <i>Mid-Pampanga Leg</i> )
July 20, 2019	Don Bosco Academy ( <i>Mabalacat Leg</i> )
July 27, 2019	Holy Angel University ( <i>Angeles Leg</i> )





## SHARING SIMILAR VISIONS

Although the College Entrance Examination Review is the newest among the major events of the UP Aguman, it still operates with the same mindset of serving the best interest of the Kapampangan youth. For years now, CEER has become a way for Kapampangan students to not only measure and demonstrate their wits in different fields of knowledge, but to acquire new learnings that would help them in the next chapter of their lives as well. This event is a way of giving back to the province after having a good stroke of luck and being able to receive one of the finest kinds of education our country has to offer. By handling this event, we want to make sure that every Kapampangan student aiming for certain universities in the country are given a fighting chance of getting accepted and making their dreams happen.

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

As much as UP Aguman attempts to reach all ends of the province and to encourage different schools and people to participate in CEER, it still needs help from other institutions. For this reason, UP Aguman seeks for the CEER to be given an **official due accreditation or recognition** by the **Department of Education – Angeles City**, as an annual review session that promotes academic excellence for the students of Pampanga.

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

## WHY ASK FOR ACCREDITATION?

### • TO DISTINGUISH CEER

Having an accreditation from the **Department of Education – Angeles City** would give CEER a distinction among other academic events in Pampanga. It would help further inform Kapampangans of what the CEER is all about and of what it embodies and promotes. This would also help to show the differences between CEER and other similar institutions offering reviews for college entrance exams, as CEER is not just an annual review session, but a gathering of students who aspire for further learning. While the CEER is already acknowledged 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 the UP Aguman encourage more schools and students to participate in the event. Students will be more eager to join since the **Department of Education – Angeles City** recognizes the event. The UP Aguman will also have access to information about the various schools in the province, which will make the distribution of invitation letters more efficient. Indeed, the organization wants to bring the CEER experience to many young great minds in our province.

### • TO ENCOURAGE SPONSORSHIPS

To back the financial aspect of CEER, 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 has made possible the realization of the event. Recognition from a legitimate and respectable educational institution such as the **Department of Education – Angeles City** will attract more generous benefactors from individuals, groups and other institutions.