



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Education  
REGION VI – WESTERN VISAYAS  
**SCHOOLS DIVISION OF AKLAN**

March 10, 2025

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

No. 117, s. 2025

**REQUEST FOR DEPARTMENT ADVISORY REGARDING THE UGNAYAN NG  
PAHINUNGOD AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM**

To: OIC, Office of the Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief Education Supervisors  
Education Program Supervisors  
Public Schools District Supervisors, Principals In-Charge of the District  
Head Teacher In-Charge of the District  
Senior/Education Program Specialist  
Heads of Public and Private Elementary/Integrated/Secondary Schools  
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is the Regional Memorandum No. 181 s. 2025 dated February 28, 2025, Request for Department Advisory Regarding the *Ugnayan ng Pahinungod Affirmative Action Program*.
2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
**FELICIANO C. BUENAFE JR., CESO VI**  
School Division Superintendent

Encl.: As Stated  
Reference: Regional Memorandum No. 181, s. 2025  
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index  
Under the following subjects:

<b>LEARNERS</b>	<b>PROGRAMS</b>	<b>SCHOOLS</b>
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FEB 28 2025

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM  
No. 181 s. 2025

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NG PAHINUNGOD AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
All other concerned

1. Attached is Memorandum OM-OASOPS No. 2025-026 from **Dr. Jocelyn Andaya, Regional Director, NCR, concurrent Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Operations**, dated February 18, 2025 regarding the Request For Department Advisory Regarding the Ugnayan ng Pahinungod Affirmative Action Program, which is self-explanatory.
2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

  
**RAMIR B. UYTICO EdD, CESO III**  
Regional Director

Enclosure: As Stated  
Reference: OM-OASOPS No. 2025-026  
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index  
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TNG/ESSD-RM/ Ugnayan ng Pahinungod Affirmative Action Program  
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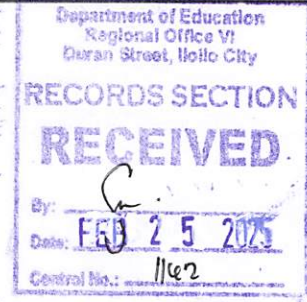


Republika ng Pilipinas  
Department of Education

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR OPERATIONS

**MEMORANDUM**

OM-OASOPS No. 2025-026



TO : **ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS**

FROM : **JOCELYN DR ANDAYA**



*Regional Director, NCR*  
*Concurrent Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Operations*

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR DEPARTMENT ADVISORY REGARDING THE UGNAYAN NG PAHINUNGOD AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM**

DATE : February 18, 2025

This pertains to the letter from Ervina A. Espina, OIC System Director, Ugnayan ng Pahinungod, University of the Philippines (UP), dated January 16, 2025, regarding the Ugnayan ng Pahinungod Affirmative Action Program (AAP).

As stated in the letter, the program aims to democratize access to the UP by providing equal opportunities to learners from low-income households and public secondary schools through UPCAT applications and mock exams. The organization aims to establish communication and coordination channels at the Regional level.

For further inquiries and concerns, kindly directly communicate with the UP Ugnayan ng Pahinungod through email at [pahinungod.upsys@up.edu.ph](mailto:pahinungod.upsys@up.edu.ph) or through telephone at (028) 981-8500 loc. 2603/2607/2608.

Kindly see attached file, for your reference and consideration.



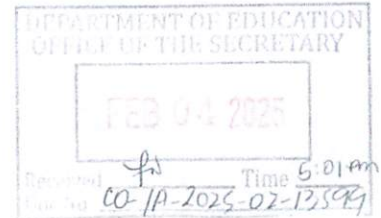
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16 January 2025

REF. NO. EAE 2025 - 008

HON. JUAN EDGARDO M. ANGARA  
Secretary, Department of Education



Dear Secretary Angara:

Greetings from the UP Ugnayan ng Pahinungód, the volunteer service program of the University!

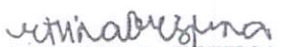
First, we would like to thank you for supporting the UP Gurong Pahinungód (GP) Program, which enabled us to send sixteen (16) UP graduates to serve as volunteer teachers in five (5) schools in the country for the school year 2024 to 2025. We are honored to be part of the country's collective response to address the education crisis especially in the geographically isolated communities.

Along with the GP program, the UP Ugnayan ng Pahinungód is conducting the Affirmative Action Program (AAP) since its revitalization in 2019. In partnership with the UP Office of Admissions, the program aims to democratize access to the National University by giving equal chances to students from low-income communities and public national high schools through UPCAT application and test simulations. Since its re-implementation, Pahinungód Offices from various UP Constituent Units (CUs) are implementing the program through Memorandum of Agreements with partner schools and/or Schools Division Offices.

This year, we are aiming for a unified approach to facilitate these agreements and communications at the regional level. In view of this, we respectfully request for an endorsement of the Ugnayan ng Pahinungód Affirmative Action Program which will be conducted in senior high schools across the country by the UP Ugnayan ng Pahinungod offices from UP Baguio, UP Cebu, UP Diliman, UP Los Banos, UP Manila, UP Mindanao, UP Open University, UP Tacloban and UP Visayas, by mid February until July 2025.

We earnestly look forward to your positive response on our request. We will be more than willing to respond to queries regarding this endeavor.

Very truly yours,

  
ERVINA A. ESPINA  
OIC System Director

cc: Pahinungód Council  
UP Office of Admissions



Ang Ugnayan ng Pahinungód ay ang programang pang-boluntaryo ng Unibersidad ng Pilipinas. Ang salitang Pahinungód ay mula sa wikang Cebuano na siyang pinakamalapit na kahulugan ng "oblation" o pag-aalay para sa isang mithiing higit pa sa sarili.



[Request] Endorsement from DepEd Central re 2025 AAP activities

From Pahinungod Office UP System <pahinungod.upsys@up.edu.ph>  
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To Office of the Secretary <osec@deped.gov.ph>  
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We value your feedback. Help us serve you better! Please answer our [Client Satisfaction Measurement \(CSM\)](#).



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