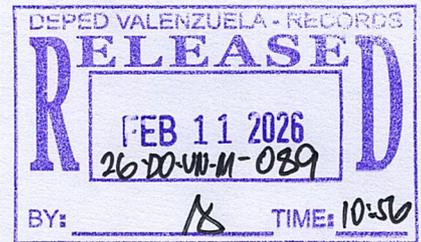




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**Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent**

February 10, 2026

To: Public Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Attached is a communication letter from Meryl Joy Sarmiento, Overall Head, University of the Philippines Geological Society, dated February 6, 2026, inviting participation of high school learners in the annual National Geology Congress (NGC) on March 13-14, 2026, at University of the Philippines Diliman, Quezon City.

All interested participants shall be subject to the No Disruption of Classes Policy as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005, titled *Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensure Compliance Therewith*, as well as the No Collection Policy under Section 3 of Republic Act No. 5546 (*An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Tickets and/or the Collection of Contributions for Any Project or Purpose from Students and Teachers of Public and Private Schools, Colleges, and Universities*, also known as the Ganzon Law).

For inquiries or clarifications, please contact them via email at ngc.geosoc@gmail.com or telephone at 0956-782-6323.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

NOEL D. BAGANO
Schools Division Superintendent

Division Letter No. 049, s. 2026

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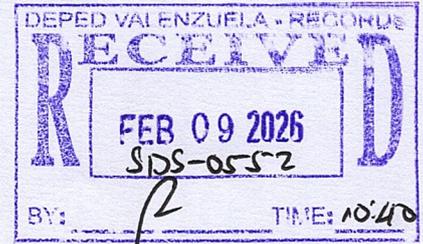


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Good day, **Dr. Noel D. Bagano!**

Warm greetings from the University of the Philippines Geological Society!

In celebration of its 68th year, the University of the Philippines Geological Society (UP GeoSoc) is thrilled to invite your esteemed institution to the annual **National Geology Congress (NGC)**. This year, we are excited to return to a fully face-to-face setup, providing an engaging platform for learning, collaboration, and exploration.

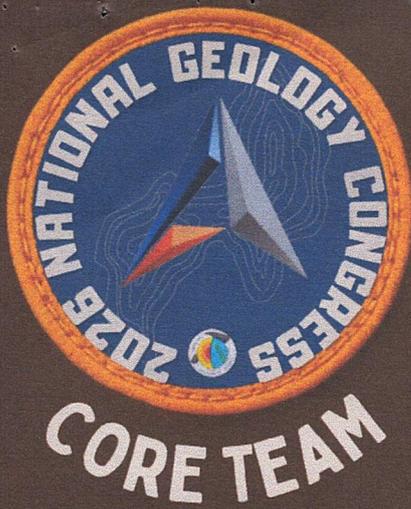
This year's **National Geology Congress** will be held on **March 13-14, 2026**, at the University of the Philippines, Diliman. The event will feature lectures and hands-on workshops aimed at fostering a deeper appreciation for the earth sciences.

Attached to this email, you will find the **formal request of endorsement** for your school and **event primer** for your reference. We are humbly asking for your assistance in the endorsement of this event, so that we may also extend the invitation to the schools in Valenzuela City. Join us in this meaningful celebration of geology and science education!

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact us at ngc.geosoc@gmail.com or 09567826323.

Thank you for your time, and we look forward to welcoming you to the National Geology Congress 2026!

Best regards,



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GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

2026 NATIONAL GEOLOGY CONGRESS

February 06, 2026

DR. NOEL D. BAGANO
Office of the Schools Division Superintendent
Valenzuela City

Dear Dr. Bagano,

Good day!

The **University of the Philippines Geological Society** (UP GeoSoc) is the oldest student organization based in the National Institute of Geological Sciences (NIGS) dedicated to the pursuit of honor and excellence in the field of geology. The organization takes pride in its alumni who became forerunners in the different subfields of geology, including the industry, geothermal, mineral and oil exploration, and in the academe.

In the 68th year of the society, we are holding the annual **National Geology Congress** (NGC). Even after eleven years, UP GeoSoc continues to fulfill the objectives of the NGC: equipping high school earth science teachers and students with knowledge and tools necessary for proper discussion and integration of the theoretical and practical aspects of geology; and promoting the significance and impact of geology in our daily lives. This year's NGC will be held in a **completely face-to-face setup**. It will be conducted at UP Diliman on **March 13 and 14, 2026**.

In accordance with this, we are humbly **requesting for your endorsement** in the following activities that we have prepared.

1. BANAAG: Earth Science Teachers' Seminar - March 13

The ESTS is a seminar that aims to equip high school teachers with supplementary knowledge on how to effectively teach Earth Science in the K-12 curriculum. Experts will be invited to give lectures and activities to high school teachers to help them enhance their Earth Science teaching.

2. LIRIP: High School Workshop - March 13

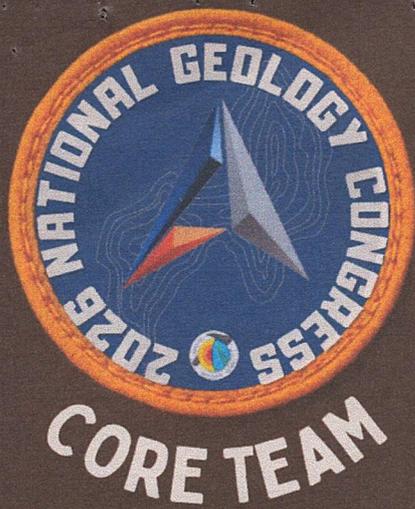
The HSW is a workshop for high school students that aims to widen their understanding of earth science through lectures and laboratory activities. This workshop also aims to showcase the interdisciplinary nature and everyday applications of the geosciences.



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3. GEOQUIZ: An Earth Science Competition - March 14

The GeoQuiz is a contest for high school students that aims to test their earth science knowledge and their ability to think analytically under time pressure, with the ultimate goal of promoting the importance of earth science in society.

We are assuring that this year's NGC will be a worthwhile and enjoyable experience. Attached herewith are more details about our NGC subevents.

Should there be any concerns, or if you wish to set an appointment, please feel to contact us through email (ngc.geosoc@gmail.com) or mobile (09204753148, 09567826323)

Thank you very much and we look forward to your participation!

Sincerely,

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ABOUT UP GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The University of the Philippines Geological Society (UP GeoSoc) is a duly recognized university-based academic organization. Primarily composed of BS Geology students, UP GeoSoc is the oldest and one of the largest organizations based in the National Institute of Geological Sciences (NIGS), UP Diliman. The society promotes the advancement of the geological sciences and the national issues concerning it among the student body and the local community. Founded in 1957, the organization and its members have continuously dedicated themselves to the pursuit of honor and excellence in the field of geology. Currently, UP GeoSoc has been active in its community and regularly partners with different organizations inside and outside the university.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL GEOLOGY CONGRESS

The National Geology Congress (NGC) is the flagship event of UP GeoSoc. Through a series of events, it aims to reach out to high school students and their teachers across the country to promote knowledge in the geological sciences. With a growing number of participants each year, the event has a track record of successful partnerships with both companies and schools alike.

The NGC puts its focus in emphasizing the relevance of geology and related fields. More importantly, it aims to bridge the disconnect between the public and scientific knowledge. In its 2025 installment, conducted in a fully face-to-face setup, the NGC aims to bring insightful, relevant, yet fun-filled activities to a wider audience.



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BANAAG: An Earth Science Teachers' Seminar (ESTS)

The term "*Banaag*" expresses a glimmer of hope for a bright future, and sheds light on significant discoveries to appreciate and learn about our beautiful planet. Through a series of focused lectures, this program aims to equip participating educators with comprehensive knowledge in Earth Sciences, enabling them to foster more effective and practical classroom discussions, especially in advocating to the awareness of the Earth's wonders and process that ultimately impact our communities.

Renowned Filipino experts in various subfields will deliver insightful presentations on key topics relevant to Earth Sciences education. While the tentative list of topics highlights current considerations, the final program and confirmed speakers will be communicated in due course.



DATE AND TIME **MARCH 13, 2026**
from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

VENUE **TO BE ANNOUNCED.**
University of the Philippines Diliman, Quezon City

REGISTRATION FEE **PHP 350 PER TEACHER**
(lunch included)

REGISTRATION LINK **[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/NGC26ESTS](https://tinyurl.com/ngc26ests)**



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OVERVIEW OF ESTS LECTURES

LEC 01: DIVING DEEPER WITH MARINE SCIENCE ADVOCACY FOR THE PHILIPPINES



The Philippines is a country geographically surrounded and connected by water. With the vast area of water we have there, lies a diverse world of marine wonder which we can see through exploring. This lecture aims to delve into the significance of exploring and studying our marine environments containing unique geological features and rich biodiversity, and how advocating for marine science research can impact the lives of the Filipino community.



LEC 02: EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES WITH GEOTHERMAL ENERGY IN THE PHILIPPINES

As the Philippines is one of the largest producers of Geothermal energy in the world, it is imperative for us to learn how we can utilize this for a more sustainable alternative for energy and electricity. In a world dominated by non-renewable resources to meet demands for energy, sustainable and greener technologies can be an environmental-friendly alternative. This lecture intends to introduce how geothermal powerplants obtain and utilize energy, the possible advantages and disadvantages of this renewable energy, and the significance of this type of energy to be promoted and further studied.



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OVERVIEW OF ESTS LECTURES

LEC 03: BRIDGING THE SCIENCES TO THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY: MAKING SCIENCE LEARNING APPEALING AND ACCESSIBLE



Science is a very broad and complex field of knowledge that we experience everyday. Its development is rooted in the continuous and rigorous task of research throughout time. Evidently, the applications of these discoveries can significantly impact the lives of many, but it is important for the community to understand how it impacts them. This lecture aims to discuss modern ways for effective science communication within our communities, without making understanding science feel intimidating but rather appealing.



LEC 04: BUILDING GEOLOGICAL AND HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL HAZARD RESILIENCE: A UP NOAH WORKSHOP

The first step of hazard resilience is preparation, and being aware of the hazards we are susceptible to would help in achieving this goal. The Philippines is susceptible to several natural hazards such as earthquakes, eruptions, landslides, and strong typhoons that endanger the lives of several Filipinos. One of the most reliable and informative technologies that can be used for geological and hydrometeorological hazard awareness is the Nationwide Operational Assessments of Hazards (NOAH). This workshop aims to teach how to efficiently utilize this powerful tool, introduce concepts to interpret the mapped data shown and promote the use of this technology for building resiliency especially in very susceptible nations of our country.



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OVERVIEW OF ESTS MUSEUM TOUR

MUSEUM TOUR OPTION 1: NIGS MUSEUM TOUR



The NIGS-UP Geology Alumni Association (UPGAA) Geology Museum is one of the few museums of its kind in the Philippines that systematically presents comprehensive displays of different types of minerals, rocks, and fossils, as well as a section of Applied Geology, promoting the essence of exploration and curiosity in the Geosciences.



MUSEUM TOUR OPTION 2: MSI COLLECTIONS TOUR (30 SLOTS ONLY)

The Marine Science Institute (MSI) has various collections encompassing diverse organisms found within our marine realm that helps us better understand our Earth. The collections of the institute include a fish and invertebrate wet collection, dry zoological collection, and the MSI herbarium, all promoting the significance of our diverse marine environment.



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PROGRAM FLOW

TIME	ACTIVITY	TIME	ACTIVITY
8:00 - 8:30 AM	Registration	1:40 - 1:50 PM	Coffee Break
8:30 - 8:40 AM	Welcoming Remarks	1:50 - 2:40 PM	<u>LECTURE 03</u>
8:40 - 8:45 AM	Event Introduction	2:40 - 2:50 PM	Q and A portion
8:45 - 9:35 AM	<u>LECTURE 01</u>	2:50 - 2:55 PM	Awarding of Certificate (3rd Lecturer)
9:35 - 9:45 AM	Q and A portion	2:55 - 3:55 PM	<u>LECTURE 04</u>
9:45 - 9:50 AM	Awarding of Certificate (1st Lecturer)	3:55 - 4:05 PM	Q and A portion
9:50 - 11:00 AM	<u>Museum Tour</u>	4:05 - 4:10 PM	Awarding of Certificate (4th Lecturer)
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	LUNCH	4:10 - 4:15 PM	Closing Remarks
12:30 - 1:20PM	<u>LECTURE 02</u>	4:15 - 4:20 PM	Awarding of Certificates
1:20 - 1:30 PM	Q and A portion	4:20 - 5:00 PM	Photo Opportunity
1:35 - 1:40PM	Awarding of Certificate (3rd Lecturer)		



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