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Dear Dr. Paragas:

Greetings!

We are from the **University of the Philippines Academic League of Chemical Engineering Students, Inc. (UP ALCHEMES, Inc.)**, a duly registered academic organization from the UP Diliman College of Engineering. Guided by our commitment to academic excellence, unparalleled service, and holistic development, we continually strive to create meaningful projects that benefit the members, the college, the university, and the nation.

This coming **January 15-17, 2026**, our flagship event, the annual **RESEARCH FAIR**, will once again commence. Research Fair is a three-day research-based assembly for high school students all over the country. Since its establishment in 2002, Research Fair has become a forefront manifestation of the organization's commitment in cultivating scientific curiosity, academic excellence, and innovation among the youth.

In its 25th year, with the theme **ATHANOR: Igniting the Youth to Blossom in their Potential**, Research Fair 2026 will be held in a **face-to-face** format, offering high school students opportunities to engage in scientific exploration and innovation through its cornerstone sub-events: the **Research Competition**, the **National Science Conquest**, and the **Youth Science Convention**.

In line with this, we respectfully request your support in this scientific endeavor in the form of an **official endorsement**. Should you grant our request, we would also like to ask for a **copy of your official logo** to be featured in our publicity materials. Your support will help us reach a broader audience, commemorate 25 years of continued dedication to scientific knowledge, and inspire today's youth in pursuing scientific endeavors.

For more information, kindly refer to the attached Research Fair 2026 Primer. Should you have any clarification or inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact **Rique Hero Nacionales** at **+63 915 697 9904** or at rfsc@upalchemes.org. Your unwavering support and favorable response would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your utmost consideration!



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Respectfully yours,

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RESEARCH FAIR 2026

ATHANOR: Igniting the Youth to Blossom in their Potential

PRIMER



UP ALCHEMES, Inc.

ABOUT THE EVENT

Research Fair is the first and flagship event of UP ALCHEMES, earning recognition for the organization through years of service to the Filipino youth. Now in its 25th year, Research Fair continues its mission of **developing innovative, young minds and maximizing their potential in the pursuit of scientific innovation and excellence.**

Through Research Fair, UP ALCHEMES has been acknowledged as one of the **Ten Accomplished Youth Organizations (TAYO)** in 2016. In this competition, Research Fair showcased excellence in the field of Education and Technology, recognized for its vision in elevating the nation's standards of science and technology to a global level.



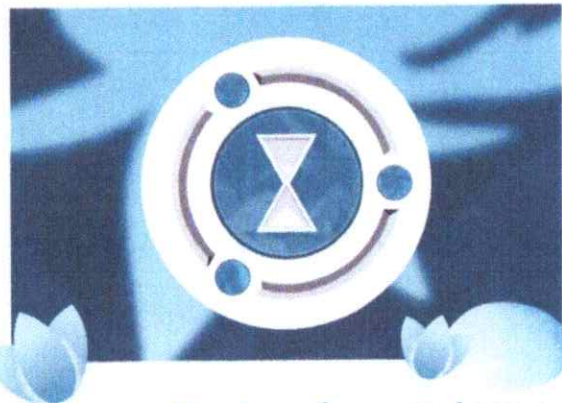
ABOUT THE **THEME**

This year, Research Fair 2026 radiates with the theme **ATHANOR: Igniting the Youth to Blossom in their Potential**. Inspired by the archaic athanor furnace known for its ability to withstand arduous chemical processes, the theme highlights the relentless spirit, glowing passion, and blazing desire of the youth to exceed beyond their innate potential.

This year's theme embodies the process of maintaining a constant, self-sustaining thirst for scientific discovery and innovation. Celebrating its 25th year, the Fair draws inspiration from the flower Iris, the emblem of this milestone that signifies transformation and growth. Together, the **Athanor** and the **Iris** symbolize the legacy and future of Research Fair—an unbroken fire that for twenty-five years has **kindled bright minds** and **cultivated the raw talents of Filipino youth** as future leaders and innovators in science and technology.

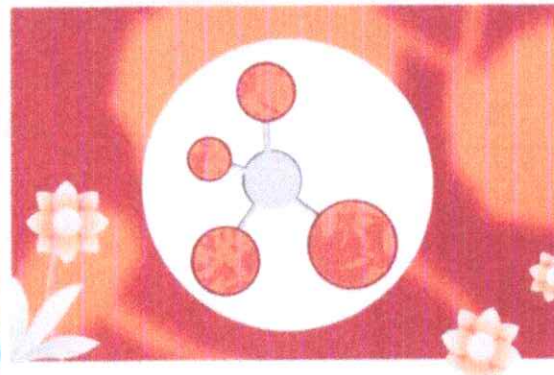


ABOUT THE SUB-EVENTS



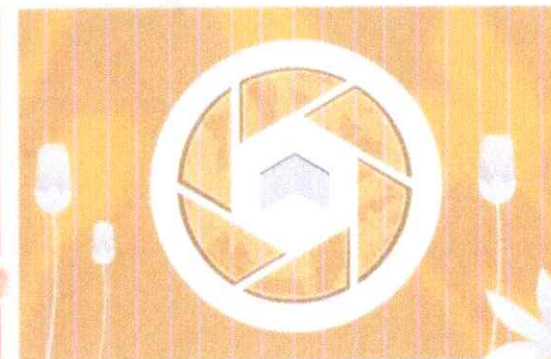
The **National Science Conquest** is a friendly competition that tests participants' knowledge and understanding of the various branches of science. Contestants undergo various quiz bees and examinations to determine who reigns as champion. This competition aims to recognize the potential of the youth to excel in the fields of science and technology.

37 teams
19 schools



The **Research Competition** is the core of Research Fair. It celebrates the innovation, creativity, and scientific aptitude displayed by the participants in their research projects. This also serves as an avenue for participants and judges alike to be exposed to different research perspectives and insights. The competition promotes engaging research topics and recognizing breakthroughs in the fields of science and technology.

191 entries
38 schools



The **Youth Science Convention** is a dynamic event comprised of the following: a case study competition, a series of talks, and laboratory tours, where experts recognized in their respective scientific fields impart their knowledge and expertise to the participants. This sub-event fuels and inspires participants to find their niche in pushing the advancement of science and technology amidst the ever-present winds of change.

127 participants
14 schools

RESEARCH FAIR IN NUMBERS

743 Participants **47** Schools

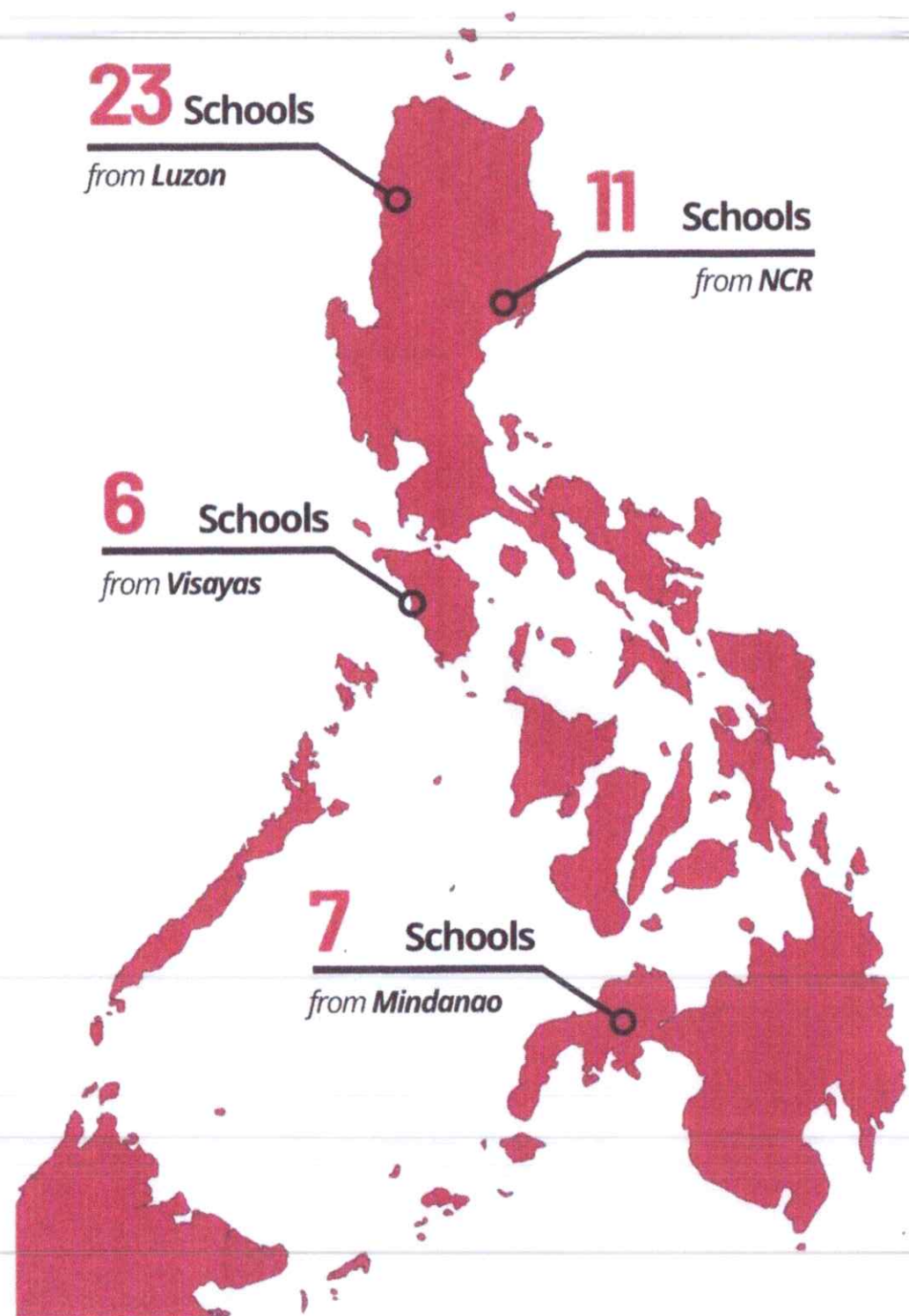
31.3K Facebook Likes

32.0K Facebook Followers

8.1K
Average Individual Post Reach

167 Reacts **21** Comments **74** Shares

Average Individual Post Engagement



*Highlighted figures denote RF 2025 data

ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

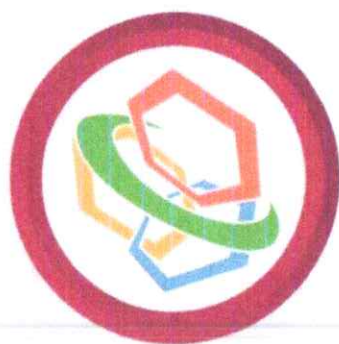
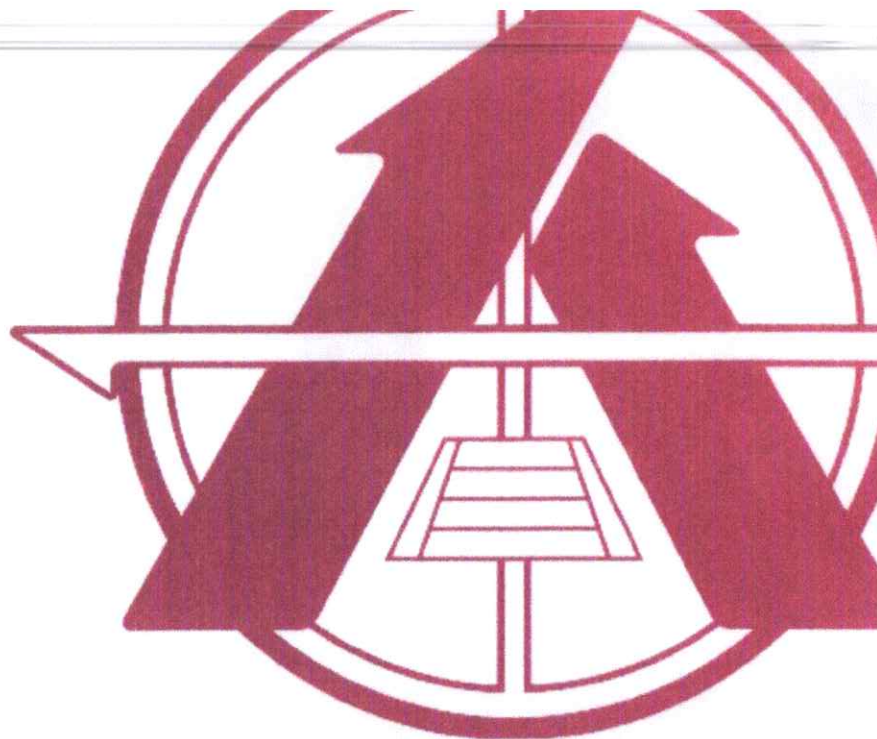
The **University of the Philippines Academic League of Chemical Engineering Students, Inc. (UP ALCHEMES, Inc.)** is a premier academic non-profit student organization from the University of the Philippines - Diliman and is duly-recognized by the college and university. It is composed of undergraduate students from the university's Chemical Engineering program governed and guided by the organization's core values of genuine **service**, distinctive **humility**, unparalleled **academics**, dignified **professionalism**, and soaring **excellence**.

Through its consistent performance over the years, UP ALCHEMES has been a recipient of numerous accolades including two-time Philippine Institute of Chemical Engineers - Junior Chapter Luzon (PIChE - JCL) **Best Chapter Organization**, the **Parangal sa Samahang Mag-aaral** recognition by the UP Diliman Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs (OVCSA) in 2021, and **Ignacio B. Gimenez Awards for Outstanding Student Organization Award** in 2016 and for **UP Student Organizations' Social Innovations Project for Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction** in 2021, among others both in-campus and externally.



ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS

UP ALCHEMES has produced remarkable chemical engineers, professionals, and students including 63 Chemical Engineering Board Exam Topnotchers and 390 Latin honor graduates, who also offer their assistance and skills in UP ALCHEMES' roster of nationwide events.



Over its 26 years and counting, the organization, its members, and its programs and events are anchored to and driven by their **dedication to genuine service** for and with the Filipino people, **making a difference and breaking free** towards a brighter future.

OUR **ADVOCACY**

Youth Scientist of Today Nation Builder of Tomorrow

UP ALCHEMES recognizes its shared responsibility to contribute to and pursue a sustainable society. Research Fair 2026 serves to **ignite the Filipino youth's potential to improve the present and establish the future**. The organization is committed to providing Filipino youth with the platform to present their research and cultivate their innovative capabilities. Through this program, and together, we envision and take our first steps toward a better and more sustainable tomorrow.



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