



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region II – Cagayan Valley
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF NUEVA VIZCAYA

20 May 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 205, s. 2026

ATTENDANCE TO THE OPENING PROGRAM OF THE 2026 GRAND AMMUNGAN FESTIVAL (GAF) OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF NUEVA VIZCAYA

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
School Governance and Operations Division Chief
Curriculum Implementation Division Chief
Public Schools District Supervisors/Districts In-Charge
Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All others concerned.

1. Executive Order No. 53, s. 2026 titled, “An Order Declaring the Suspension of Work within the Provincial Government and Classes at all Levels in Public and Private Schools in the Province of Nueva Vizcaya on May 21, 2026, in Celebration of the Annual Grand Ammungan Festival” is issued to allow employees and students to celebrate and participate in this year’s festivity (*Section 1. Declaration of Work and Class Suspension*).
2. Anent this, SDO Nueva Vizcaya employees and especially the unit and section heads are encouraged to attend the Opening Program of the Grand Ammungan Festival (GAF) on May 21, 2026, Thursday at 8:00 A.M. at the Carlos M. Padilla Convention Center, Capitol Compound, Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya.
3. The dress code during the opening program on May 21, 2026 will be Filipiniana for Females and Barong for Male employees. However, the employee/s can opt to wear an IP inspired attire.
4. For information, guidance and strict compliance.




ORLANDO E. MANUEL PhD, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent
05-2026-333

Encl as stated

Reference: **Executive Order No. 53, s. 2026**, “An Order Declaring the Suspension of Work within the Provincial Government and Classes at all Levels in Public and Private Schools in the Province of Nueva Vizcaya on May 21, 2026, in Celebration of the Annual Grand Ammungan Festival”





EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 53

Series of 2026

AN ORDER DECLARING THE SUSPENSION OF WORK WITHIN THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AND CLASSES AT ALL LEVELS IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA ON MAY 21, 2026, IN CELEBRATION OF THE ANNUAL GRAND AMMUNGAN FESTIVAL.

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code (LGC), provides that local government units shall ensure and support, among other things, the preservation and enrichment of culture within their respective territorial jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, the annual Grand Ammungan Festival is a deeply rooted cultural tradition that fosters unity and thanksgiving in commemoration of the Province's founding anniversary and strengthens community spirit among Novo Vizcayanos, which began following the issuance, on May 22, 1985, of Presidential Proclamation No. 2422;

WHEREAS, to allow local government employees to fully participate in the traditional socio-cultural activities and to spend time with their families and guests during the festivities, there is a need to officially suspend work in local government offices;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government of Nueva Vizcaya, through the Festival Director General, has declared a compressed schedule for the 2026 Grand Ammungan Festival, reducing the traditional five-day celebration to a one-day event in response to the declaration of a State of National Energy Emergency and the directive for nationwide austerity, thereby significantly reducing the financial requirements of the festivity;

WHEREAS, despite continuing economic challenges and global uncertainties, the Provincial Government of Nueva Vizcaya, through the Ammungan Festival Committee, deems it necessary to provide entertainment for its constituents, particularly families and

children, throughout the festivities, while also helping to alleviate the adverse effects of the current crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HON. ATTY. JOSE V. GAMBITO, Local Chief Executive of the Province of Nueva Vizcaya, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. THE DECLARATION OF WORK AND CLASS SUSPENSION. Work in all offices of the Provincial Local Government Unit of Nueva Vizcaya (PLGU-NV), as well as classes at all levels in all public and private schools within the Province, are hereby suspended on May 21, 2026, to allow employees and students to celebrate and participate in this year's festivities.

SECTION 2. THE CONTINUITY OF BASIC AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES. The suspension of work as herein declared shall not apply to offices of the PLGU-NV whose functions involve the delivery of basic and health services, as well as other frontline services, including those involved in disaster preparedness and/or response, to ensure the safety and welfare of the general public.

SECTION 3. THE NATIONAL AGENCIES AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR. National government offices and private establishments operating within the Province of Nueva Vizcaya are hereby highly encouraged to suspend work or adopt flexible work arrangements on the said date to allow their employees to participate in the celebration.

SECTION 4. THE MANDATORY ATTENDANCE. Notwithstanding this Order, all officials and employees of the Provincial Government shall strictly observe Memorandum No. 111, s. 2026, issued by the Office of the Provincial Administrator.

SECTION 5. THE SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Order is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. THE REPEALING CLAUSE. All provisions of previous executive orders that are inconsistent or incompatible with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. THE EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon signing and shall remain in force until revoked.

Done this 20 MAY 2026 in the year of our Lord at Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya.

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the Governor.

ATTY. JOSE V. GAMBITO
Governor

Handwritten initials, possibly "JV", written in black ink below the printed name.

17th Grand ARMUNGAN Festival

NUEVA VIZCAYA
187TH FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY





GRAND AMMUNGAN FESTIVAL BEAT



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17TH AMMUNGAN LOGO



Designed by: Relexies N. Milo

RATIONALE

The 2026 Grand Ammungan logo celebrates Nueva Vizcaya's **Golden Era** by weaving together symbols of its rich heritage and economic success. It highlights the province's agricultural identity as a "Citrus and Ginger Capital" through the citrus and Kayabang basket, while the Camia flower and the central face of the Novo Vizcayano represent a culture rooted in peace and love. Furthermore, the logo honors the province's environmental role as the "Watershed Haven of the North" and emphasizes social harmony through a unified textile band, where 15 beads represent the municipalities moving forward to a progressive future.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

April 30, 2026 | 8:00 AM

SASHING CEREMONY OF THE SANIATA TI NUEVA VIZCAYA & PRESS CONFERENCE
 CARLOS M. PADILLA CONVENTION CENTER FACADE & LOBBY, CAPITOL COMPOUND

May 2, 2026 | 5:00 PM

NUEVA VIZCAYA GOT TALENT SEMI-FINALS
 CARLOS M. PADILLA CONVENTION CENTER FACADE & LOBBY, CAPITOL COMPOUND

May 6-7, 2026

AMMUNGAN JOB FAIR
 CARLOS M. PADILLA CONVENTION CENTER, CAPITOL COMPOUND

May 7, 2026 | 8:00 AM

SANIATA PRELIMINARIES SWIMSUIT COMPETITION, JUDGING OF BEAUTY, FACE AND BODY, AND PANEL INTERVIEW
 BAMBANG INTEGRATED AGRI-TOURISM AND LEARNING SITES, BAMBANG, NUEVA VIZCAYA

May 13, 2026 | 8:00 AM

OPERATION KUGIT PARA ITI UMILI
 CARLOS M. PADILLA CONVENTION CENTER, CAPITOL COMPOUND

May 18, 2026 | 9:00 AM

RIBBON CUTTING OF THE GAWANG VIZCAYANO EXHIBIT AND TRADE FAIR
 PEOPLE'S STAGE, CAPITOL COMPOUND, BAYOMBONG, NUEVA VIZCAYA

May 19-20, 2026 | 5:00 PM

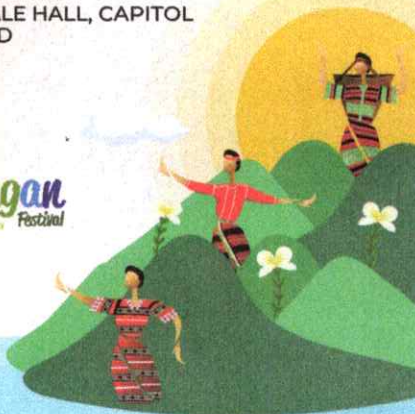
TUGTUGAN SA LAGOON
 LAGOON/CAPITOL COMPOUND, BAYOMBONG, NUEVA VIZCAYA

May 20-21, 2026 | 8:00 AM

PRC SERVICES
 NIGHTINGALE HALL, CAPITOL COMPOUND



17th Grand Ammungan Festival
 NUEVA VIZCAYA 167th FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY



MAY 21, 2026 (THURSDAY)

ECUMENICAL AND THANKSGIVING MASS

Carlos M. Padilla Convention Center, Capitol Compound, Bayombong

SEEDLINGS, VEGETABLE SEEDS, AND FINGERLINGS DISTRIBUTION

Ammungan Park, Capitol Compound, Bayombong

GRAND OPENING CEREMONIES

Carlos M. Padilla Convention Center, Capitol Compound, Bayombong

AWARDING OF PLAQUES TO LGUS AND TOURISM ENTERPRISES ON COMPLIANCE IN THE VISITOR STATISTICS SYSTEM FOR CY 2025

Carlos M. Padilla Convention Center, Capitol Compound, Bayombong

NV GOT TALENT FINAL SHOWDOWN

Carlos M. Padilla Convention Center, Capitol Compound, Bayombong

SANIATA TI NUEVA VIZCAYA CORONATIONNIGHT

Carlos M. Padilla Convention Center, Capitol Compound, Bayombong



GRAND OPENING

MAY 21, 2026 (THURSDAY), 8:00 AM

Carlos M. Padilla Convention Center, Capitol Compound, Bayombong

PART I

Ecumenical and Thanksgiving Mass
Seedlings, Vegetable seeds, and Fingerlings distribution

PART II

National Anthem & Nueva Vizcaya Hymn

Festival Message and Declaration of the Opening of the 17th Grand Ammungan Festival

HON. ATTY. JOSE V. GAMBITO
Governor

Ceremonial signing with San Juan City

HON. FRANCIS ZAMORA
Mayor of San Juan City

Opening Salvo

Introduction of the Guest of Honor

Message of the Guest of Honor

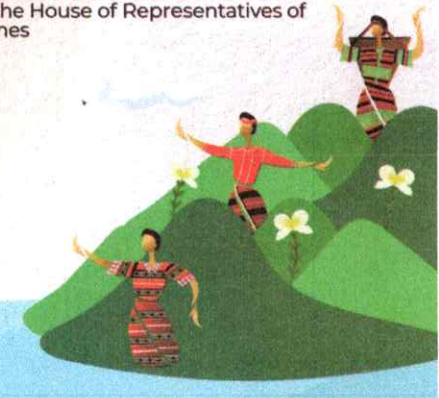
HON. FAUSTINO DE GUZMAN DY III
Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Philippines

Saniata ti Nueva Vizcaya Likha't Habi Fashion Show

PART III

Awarding of Plaques to LGUs and Tourism Enterprises on Compliance in the Visitor Statistics System for CY 2025

Dresscode: Barong (Male)
Filipiana (Female)
or IP Inspired



NUEVA VIZCAYA GOT TALENT

MAY 21, 2026 (THURSDAY), 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Carlos M. Padilla Convention Center, Capitol Compound, Bayombong

GAF 2025 Tourism Video

Prayer, National Anthem & NV Hymn

Opening Salvo- Grand finalists

Opening Message

HON. EMERLENE JANE G. MARTINEZ
Board Member and Chairperson, NVGT

Festival Message

HON. EUNICE GALIMA-GAMBOL
Board Member and Director General

Introduction of the Board of Judges

Reading of Criteria for Judging

CONTEST PROPER

Continuation of performance

Awarding of Tokens and Certificates to the Board of Judges

Announcement and Awarding of Winners

HOSTS: CHESTER CORTEZ AND HAREEN JESSIE BAÑA



SANIATA TI NUEVA VIZCAYA CORONATION NIGHT

MAY 21, 2026 (THURSDAY), 7:00 PM

Carlos M. Padilla Convention Center, Capitol Compound, Bayombong

National Anthem & Nueva Vizcaya Hymn

Prayer

Welcome Message

Introduction of the Board of Judges & Reading of the Criteria for Judging

Festival Message

Opening Video & Production Number

Swimsuit Parade

Evening Gown Competition

Serenade

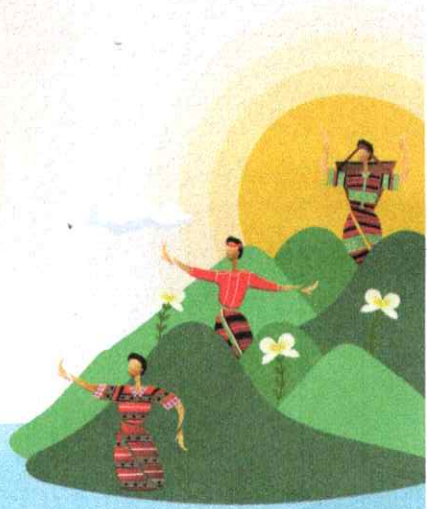
Announcement of Minor Awards

Announcement of Top 5

Question and Answer of Top 5

Closing Remarks

Announcement and Awarding of Winners



MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Fellow Novo Vizcayanos,

As we gather for the 17th Grand Ammungan Festival, we do so with hearts full of gratitude and immense pride in the soul of our province. The strength, courage, and resilience of our people are more than just chapters in our history—they are the very bedrock upon which Nueva Vizcaya stands.

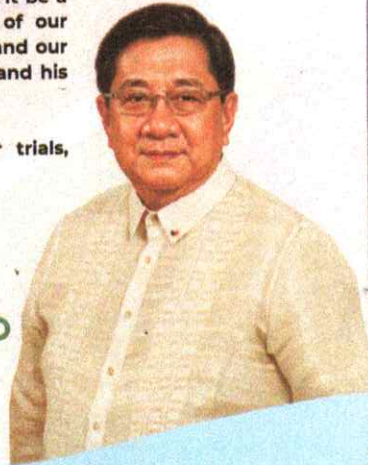
The vibrant heritage we showcase today is a living testament to our endurance. Despite the energy crisis, we have stood as faithful guardians of our ancestral lands, our natural resources, and our undying culture and heritage through the 187th Founding Anniversary of our beloved Nueva Vizcaya.

This year, as we celebrate with a spirit of simplicity and sincerity, let it be a powerful symbol of our resilience. We prove that the grandeur of our province lies not in opulence, but in the steadfastness of our unity and our unwavering faith in the Lord. It is His grace that has sustained us, and his light that guides us as we navigate the challenges of our time.

As one Nueva Vizcaya, we move forward—strengthened by our trials, anchored by our faith, and united by our love for this land.

Mabuhay ang ika-labimpitong Grand Ammungan Festival!
Mabuhay ang bawat Novo Vizcayano!
Mabuhay ang ating nagkakaisang Lalawigan!

HON. ATTY. JOSE V. GAMBITO
GOVERNOR



MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

As the Director General, I proudly share this message for this year's celebration, though simple in form, it carries a deeper purpose—one that uplifts, unites, and creates lasting value for our people. In the face of today's challenges, we have chosen to celebrate with intention, ensuring that every effort brings meaning and benefit to our fellow Novo Vizcayanos.

Rooted in the spirit of Napintas a Nueva Vizcaya and guided by our vision, may this celebration serve as a symbol of our resilience, a source of hope, and a testament to what we can achieve when we stand together as one Naturally Vibrant Nueva Vizcaya.

HON. EUNICE GALIMA-GAMBOL
DIRECTOR-GENERAL
17TH GRAND AMMUNGAN FESTIVAL

