

GEOLOGY'26 SUMMIT

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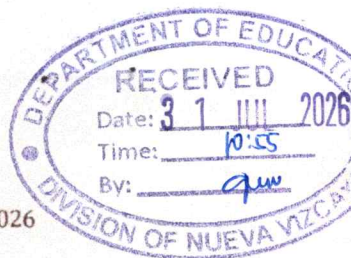
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Greetings!

The **UP Geology Majors' Society (UP GeMS)** is the only academic and environmental organization in the National Institute of Geological Sciences in UP Diliman. In its 50 years of service, it continues to pursue scholastic excellence and advocate for student involvement in activities related to the protection of the environment.

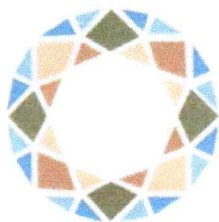
On **September 14 - 15**, UP GeMS will be hosting the annual **Geology Summit**—the organization's flagship event dedicated to bringing the ever-evolving field of Earth Science closer to the people, starting with high school students and college students.. This year's iteration proudly presents **"Legacy: The Land We Inherit"**. With this theme, the Summit aims to advocate for **geoheritage in an effort to reconcile environmental conservation and ecotourism**. We believe that awareness of these topics begins with science effectively communicated to the Filipino people, especially our young students.

In the fulfillment of its objectives, the Summit presents a line of lectures and contests curated for high school students and college students and anyone with an interest in the Earth Sciences. With **lectures** led by different experts and speakers, students have the opportunity to learn about geoheritage and obtain knowledge that they may impart to the community and use to help solve environmental issues:

- "Untold Stories of Rocks: Understanding Geoheritage"
- "Watchers of the Land: Stories from Communities"
- "Monuments of Time: Impact of Unmanaged Geotourism & Protection of Sites"
- "Making a Legacy: Advocacy & Journalism Workshop"

In the spirit of camaraderie and scientific excellence, students may also take part in the following **contests**:

- **Monuments in Motion** - a videomaking contest that encourages students to creatively express their understanding and the promotion of geoheritage.
- **Echoes of the Land** - a creative non-fiction contest where participants can write about their own encounters or those of other people with social and environmental issues.
- **Forms in Focus** - a photojournalism contest that highlights geological and societal interactions, together with their relevance to geoheritage sites.



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→ **The Point of Pressure** - an editorial cartooning contest merging participants' artistic flair and their stance on geoheritage issues to communicate problems regarding the utilization of geoheritage sites.

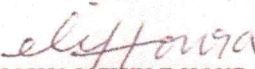
Lastly, to top everything off, the Geology Summit includes a **tour of the National Institute of Geological Sciences Museum** for a deeper appreciation of the Earth Sciences. Participants may also take part in the **Socials and Trivia Night** to network, interact, and build connections.

In line with this, we are humbly requesting your good office for your issuance of a **Regional Memorandum of Endorsement** which shall aid the organization in reaching and inviting more participants from private and public junior and senior high schools among your region. Your cooperation and assistance will be of great help for the success of this nationwide event and for the attainment of our goal in promoting geology among the youth.

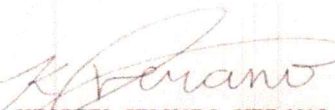
Attached herewith is a primer containing in-depth information about **Geology Summit 2026** for your perusal. For any questions or concerns, please contact us at geolsummit@gmail.com or through the main UP GeMS email geologymajorsociety@nigs.upd.edu.ph. You may also address us via our Facebook page.

We anticipate your participation in our event. Thank you for your time and interest!

Respectfully,


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To: **ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**

In view of this aforementioned activity, this Office reiterates that the participation of public and private schools is voluntary and shall be subjected to the non-disruption-of-class policy as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith.


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