



[MAGNILOQUENCE 2026] Regional Office DepEd Endorsement Letter

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23 September 2026

BENJAMIN D. PARAGAS

Regional Director, Region II

Department of Education

Greetings, Regional Director Paragas!

We are **The Rhetoricians: The UPLB Speech Communication Organization**—a university-wide organization that aims to serve as a training ground for aspiring public speakers and aid them in becoming outstanding communicators through continuous skill development and training, as well as conducting events that involve the immediate communities outside the University of the Philippines Los Baños.

This year, we will be holding one of our flagship events named **Magniloquence**, an extemporaneous speaking competition that provides students an avenue to exercise their communication skills by discussing pressing societal issues.

With the current political situation in our country, this year's Magniloquence will explore the theme "**The Force of Our Voice: Speaking for the Nation**". The event will consist of **two parts**. The first part will be a **Speech Workshop** facilitated by a Speech Communication professor from the **Department of Humanities, College of Arts and Sciences, University of the Philippines Los Baños**. The second part will be the **Extemporaneous Speech Competition proper**. Through this event, the organization aims to serve as a platform for aspiring young speakers and encourage future leaders to advocate for integrity and accountability.

Magniloquence 2026 will adopt a **sectoral approach** to its discussion of societal issues. Rather than treating national concerns as broad and abstract topics, the speech competition prompts will highlight issues experienced by and affecting specific sectors of Philippine society. It specifically tackles contemporary issues concerning the country's natural environment, economic context, social development, and institutional management. This approach aims to encourage participants to look beyond general political issues and consider how policies, decisions, and social conditions are experienced differently across sectors.

The event will be held at the **Dioscoro L. (DL) Umali Lobby, University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB)** on **October 24, 2026 (Saturday)**, from **8:00 AM to 12:00 NN**.

In line with this, we would like to respectfully invite **the Department of Education (DepEd)** through your **regional office** to endorse **Magniloquence 2026** by helping disseminate the event invitation to schools under



its jurisdiction and encouraging interested students, particularly those with an interest in public speaking, communication, social issues, and civic engagement, to participate in the event.

Should you have any questions or require additional information regarding the event, we would be more than willing to coordinate with your office or kindly contact our Marketing Head, **Mariella Siababa**, at mssiababa@up.edu.ph or **09266991250**. We sincerely hope for the opportunity to work with the Department of Education in making Magniloquence 2026 a meaningful platform for student voices and sectoral discourse. We would greatly appreciate your response **on or before October 02, 2026**.

Attached to this letter is the primer for the event. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reply to this email or message.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. We look forward to the possibility of collaborating with the Department of Education.

Sincerely,

Mariella Anne Siababa
Marketing Committee Head
Magniloquence 2026

September 29, 2026

To: **ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS**

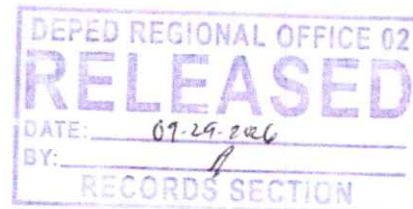
In view of this aforementioned activity, this Office reiterates that the participation of public and private schools is voluntary and shall be subjected to the non-disruption-of-class policy as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and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

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MEMORANDUM		Date: <u>9/29/26</u>	Release/Records: <u>400</u>
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For: ☒ Information	☒ Dissemination		
☒ Guidance	☐ Strict Compliance		
ORLANDO E. MANUEL PhD., CESO V Schools Division Superintendent			
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21 September 2026

Dear Regional Director,

Warm greetings of peace and solidarity!

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This year, we will be holding one of our flagship events, **Magniloquence**, an extemporaneous speaking competition that provides students with an avenue to exercise their communication skills by discussing pressing societal issues. Through the competition, participants are challenged to formulate informed perspectives, articulate their ideas clearly, and engage with issues that affect different sectors of Philippine society.

With the current political and social landscape in our country, this year's Magniloquence will explore the theme "**The Force of Our Voice: Speaking for the Nation**." The theme emphasizes the role of young people and student speakers in engaging with national concerns and recognizing the power of communication in raising awareness, expressing perspectives, and encouraging accountability.

The event will consist of **two parts**. The first part will be a **Speech Seminar, focusing on public speaking and extemporaneous speech**, facilitated by a **Speech Communication professor from the Department of Humanities, College of Arts and Sciences, University of the Philippines Los Baños**. The seminar will provide participants, teachers, coaches, and audience with foundational knowledge and practical techniques in preparing and delivering an effective extemporaneous speech. The second part will be the **Extemporaneous Speech Competition proper**, where participants will be given relevant issues and topics and will be given the opportunity to demonstrate their ability to organize their thoughts, construct arguments, and communicate their perspectives within a limited period.

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In this regard, the event aims to foster a deeper understanding of the relationship between national issues and the lived realities of particular communities. By placing sectoral concerns at the center of the discussion, we hope to encourage young speakers to listen to, understand, and responsibly articulate perspectives that may otherwise receive limited attention in mainstream discourse. The competition is therefore not only intended to develop public speaking skills but also to cultivate thoughtful and socially aware communicators who can engage with issues with context, sensitivity, and accountability.

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We believe that the support of your regional office would help broaden the reach of the event and provide secondary school students with an opportunity to develop their communication skills while engaging with sectoral concerns relevant to their communities. As students and future members of the workforce and civic community, young people



can benefit from spaces where they are encouraged to understand social issues from multiple perspectives and communicate their ideas responsibly.

Through this partnership, we hope to bridge the academic community and the basic education sector by creating an avenue for students to learn from one another, engage in meaningful discussions, and recognize communication as an important tool for understanding and responding to the concerns of different sectors of society.

We would greatly appreciate the Department of Education's support in **endorsing and disseminating the event among interested schools and students**. Attached to this letter is the **event primer** for your reference.

Should you have any questions or require additional information regarding the event, we would be more than willing to coordinate with your office or kindly contact our Marketing Head, **Mariella Siababa**, at mssiababa@up.edu.ph or **09266991250**. We sincerely hope for the opportunity to work with the Department of Education in making Magniloquence 2026 a meaningful platform for student voices and sectoral discourse. We would greatly appreciate your response on or before **October 02, 2026**.

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In pursuit of empowering voices,


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