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REGION XI  
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF PANABO CITY

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

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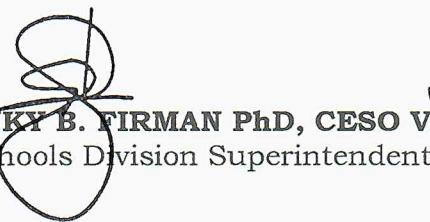
To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief Education Supervisor (SGOD)  
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Public Schools District Supervisors  
All Elementary and Secondary Public Teachers/School Heads  
All Concerned Personnel

Subject: **ADVISORY ON THE 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PGCA NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND 2025 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

Date: March 25, 2025

Attached is Regional Memorandum ESSD-2025-098 re: **Advisory on the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual PGCA National Conference and 2025 International Conference**, details are found in the enclosures, contents of which are self-explanatory.

For information and guidance.

  
**JINKY B. FIRMAN PhD, CESO VI**  
Schools Division Superintendent

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ADVISORY ON THE 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PGCA NATIONAL CONFERENCE  
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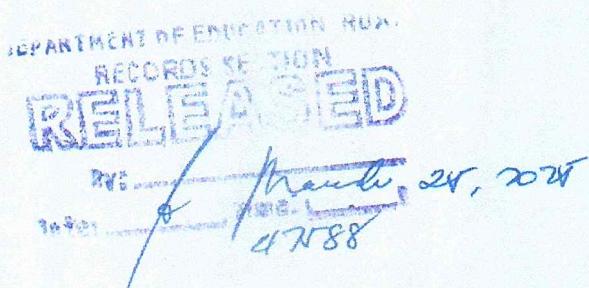
To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. This is in reference to the attached letter from Philippine Guidance and Counseling Association (PGCA), Inc. dated March 18, 2025, extending invitation to the **60<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference and 2025 International Conference on May 21-23, 2025 at The Manila Hotel and St. Scholastica's College Manila.**
2. Participation in this activity is voluntary and subject to the discretion of the Schools Division Superintendents. As mandated by DO 9, s. 2005, there shall be no disruption of classes. Furthermore, no government funds shall be utilized, and the activity shall be on official time only.
3. For further inquiries and concerns, contact PGCA Secretariat via [pgcaseteriat@gmail.com](mailto:pgcaseteriat@gmail.com) (cc: [bssoliman@tau.edu.ph](mailto:bssoliman@tau.edu.ph)) or at (02) 5310-4374.
4. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

ALLAN G. FARNAZO  
Director IV

Encl.: As stated

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Dear Dr. Farnazo:

Warm greetings!

The Philippine Guidance and Counseling Association, Inc. (PGCA), the Accredited Integrated Professional Organization Commission, will hold its **60<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference and 2025 International Conference** on **May 21-23, 2025** at **The Manila Hotel and St. Scholastica's College Manila**. The theme of this year's annual conference is **"PGCA Legacy: Stories to Conquer New Glories"**. The theme celebrates six decades of PGCA's commitment to the advancement of the guidance and counseling profession in the country. It encourages counselors, psychologists, psychometricians, social workers, and other helping professionals to reflect on the rich history of PGCA while embracing innovation and excellence in the field of guidance and counseling.

In view of this, we kindly request the issuance of a **DepEd memorandum or advisory** to facilitate the participation of Philippine HEIs guidance counselors/ advocates, supervisors/heads of counseling office, social workers, psychometricians, psychologists, and faculty members in this three-day conference.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at (02) 5310-4374 or via email at [pgcasecretariat@gmail.com](mailto:pgcasecretariat@gmail.com) (cc: [bssoliman@tau.edu.ph](mailto:bssoliman@tau.edu.ph)).

We sincerely appreciate your support to the Philippine Guidance and Counseling Association, Inc.

Thank you and God bless.

Sincerely yours,

**BENNY S. SOLIMAN, PhD, RGC, RPsy, RPm, LPT**  
*National Vice President for Internal Affairs  
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Noted by:

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Dear Colleagues:

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This year's conference will feature eight dynamic plenary sessions on Day 1 and Day 2, along with sixteen engaging simultaneous workshops. These sessions and workshops will offer helping professionals an invaluable platform to learn from thought leaders, share best practices, and collaborate with peers in the field, fostering both personal and professional growth.

In view of this, we are delighted to extend an invitation for you to join us at the conference. Below are the details regarding registration fees:

	<i>Early bird Rate until March 31, 2025</i>	<i>Regular Rate until April 30, 2025</i>	<i>Onsite Rate until May 16, 2024 (limited slots only)</i>
PGCA Member	P 7,000.00	P 7,500.00	P 8,500.00
Non-Member	P 7,500.00	P 8,000.00	
Graduate Student (Member)	P 6,300.00	P 6,750.00	P 7,200.00
Graduate Student (Non-Member)	P 6,750.00	P 7,200.00	
PWD and Senior Citizen (Member)	P 5,600.00	P 6,000.00	
PWD and Senior Citizen (Non-Member)	P 6,000.00	P 6,400.00	P 6,400.00

The registration fee provides exclusive access to 8 engaging plenary sessions and 2 interactive workshops, as well as a certificate of participation. Participants will receive a conference kit, including the PGCA Journal, compendium, souvenir program, e-newsletter, and an event t-shirt. Throughout the 3-day conference, participants will enjoy AM and PM snacks, along with a satisfying lunch each day. Additionally, the registration fee covers the fellowship night dinner, offering a memorable evening of networking and camaraderie. This comprehensive package ensures a rewarding and enriching conference experience from start to finish.



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Payment of registration fee can be made through the following:

**Bank of the Philippine Island (BPI)**

Account Name: Philippine Guidance and Counseling Association, Inc.  
Account Number: 2283-1077-04

**Philippine National Bank (PNB)**

Account Name: Philippine Guidance and Counseling Association, Inc.  
Account Number: 1086-7000-3964

**E-Wallets (GCash, PayMaya)**

Please use PGCA, Inc. as the account name whenever you deposit via *bank transfer*.

Please complete your registration by following this

<https://tinyurl.com/PGCA60thPreRegForm>

Alternatively, you can access the registration form by scanning the QR code below:



For requests related to personal invitations, please complete the Google form using this link <https://tinyurl.com/PGCA60thPersonalInvForm>

For further inquiries, you may call us at (02) 5310-4374 or email at [pgcasecretariat@gmail.com](mailto:pgcasecretariat@gmail.com).

We look forward to welcoming you to the conference and are excited to have you join us. See you there!

Thank you and God bless.

Sincerely yours,

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### PGCA 60<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference and 2025 International Conference in partnership with St. Scholastica's College

*Theme: PGCA Legacy: Stories to Conquer New Glories*

May 21-23, 2025

@ The Manila Hotel and St. Scholastica's College

#### PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

#### Day 1: May 21, 2025 @ The Manila Hotel

6:00-7:30 AM	Registration
7:30-8:00 AM	<p>Opening Program</p> <p>Processional</p> <p>Doxology and National Anthem..... Battig Chamber Singers</p> <p>Introduction of Participants..... Ruth Ann L. Musngi, RGC, RPin.</p> <p>Secretary, PGCA National</p> <p>Welcome Address..... Christopher P. Hernandez, MAEd, MS, OTRP, RGC.</p> <p>President, PGCA National</p> <p>Greetings and Messages:</p> <p>Dr. Luzviminda S. Guzman, RGC.</p> <p>Chairperson, PRB-GC</p> <p>Dr. Carmelita P. Pabiton, RGC.</p> <p>Member, PRB-GC</p> <p>Dr. Elena V. Morada, RGC.</p> <p>Member, PRB-GC</p> <p>Hon. Maria Sheila "Honey" H. Lacuna-Pangan, MD, FPDS</p> <p>Mayor, City of Manila</p> <p>Video greetings from ASEAN Counseling Organization and American Counseling Association</p> <p>Video greetings from former PGCA Presidents/Officers</p> <p>Conference Overview and</p> <p>Program Orientation ..... Dr. Benny S. Soliman, RGC, RPsy.</p> <p>VP for Internal Affairs, PGCA National</p>
8:00-9:30 AM	<p>Keynote Address: <i>PGCA Legacy: Stories to Conquer New Glories</i></p> <p>Speaker: Honorable Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara</p> <p>Speaker: Dr. Evangeline De Jesus</p>
9:30-10:30AM	<p>Plenary Session 1: The Evolution of Guidance and Counseling in the Philippines: Reflecting on 60 Years of Progress</p> <p>Speaker: Dr. Adelaida C. Gines</p>
10:30-11:30 am	<p>Plenary Session 2: The Basic Education Mental Health and Well-Being Promotion Act (RA 12080)</p> <p>Speaker: Honorable Roman T. Romulo</p>
11:30-12:00	Presidents' Hour



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12:00-1:00PM	Business Meeting Presentation of Candidates for the Election of PGCA Board of Directors (BODs) Presentation of Accomplishment and Financial Report Launching of the Compendium Launching of the coffee table Lunch Break
1:00-2:30PM	<b>Plenary Session 3: Promoting Inclusive Counseling Practices: Addressing the Needs of Students from Diverse Background</b> Speaker: Dato' Dr. Abd Halim Bin Mohd Hussin
2:30-4:00PM	<b>Plenary Session 4: Strengthening Collaborative Efforts: Building Alliance Between Counselors, School Administrators, and Parents</b> Speaker: Dr. Rowena V. Banes
4:00-5:00PM	COMELEC Announcement of Winners
5:00PM – 6:00PM	Election of PGCA Board
6:00-8:00PM	Fellowship Night (retro theme 60's) Awards Night

### Day 2: May 22, 2025 @ St. Scholastica's College

Recap (7:30-8:00)	Dr. Benny S. Soliman, RGC, RPsy. Vice President for Internal Affairs, PGCA National
8:00-9:30	<b>Plenary Session 5: The Role of Counseling in Enhancing Employee Well-being and Productivity</b> Speaker: Dr. Julian R. Montano
9:30-11:00	<b>Plenary Session 6: Trauma-Informed Counseling in the Workplace: Addressing Employee Burnout and Trauma</b> Speaker: Dr. Lourdes C. Medina
11:00-1:00PM	<b>CBL Amendment</b> Presentation of the New BODs (Sponsors Presentation) Lunch Break
1-2:30	<b>Plenary Session 7: Community-Based Counseling: Strategies for Supporting Mental Health at the Grassroots Level</b> Speaker: Dr. Dinah Nadera
2:30-4:00	<b>Plenary Session 8: Family Counseling in the Community: Strengthening Relationships and Support Systems</b> Speaker: Dr. Myrna Sanchez
4-5PM	Panel Discussion ( Synthesis and Announcements/Reminders for the Workshop)

### Day 3: May 23, 2025 @ St. Scholastica's College

#### Simultaneous Workshops/ Learning Sessions

Workshop 1	Best Practices in Counseling AM: 5 Best Practices PM: 5 Best Practices
Workshop 2	<b>Paper Presentations</b> AM: 9 Presenters PM: 9 Presenters
Workshop 3	<b>Expressive Therapy Through Music</b> Speaker: ERNESITA CORPUZ, MAEd, RGC, RPm, LPT. Clinical Manager, Emotional Wellbeing Solutions - PH Hub/ Optum Global Solutions



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Workshop 4	<b>Expressive Therapy Through Art</b> Speaker: NANCY C. RAZON, RGC. Counselor, RMT- Center for Family Ministries
Workshop 5	<b>Emerging Techniques in Brief Counseling/Solution-Focused Brief Therapy</b> Speaker: MARIA ANGELA "JELLY" VIRATA, RGC, RPsy. Psychologist, In Touch Community Services
Workshop 6	<b>Culturally Responsive Counseling: Embracing Diversity and Inclusion</b> Speaker: LIBERTY R. VALENCERINA, RGC. School Counselor, Upper School Directive Team Everest International Academy
Workshop 7	<b>Rhythm Dance Movement Therapy and Yoga as Wellness Approaches</b> Speaker: DR. CALVIN DAVE D. GANUB Full Professor 3/ Guidance Counselor University of St. La Salle
Workshop 8	<b>Generational Counseling for Gen Z and Gen Alpha in the Digital Age</b> Speaker: DR. CHRIS JOHN BEDORIA Guidance Service Specialist, University of the Philippines Diliman
Workshop 9	<b>Psychospiritual Approach to Mental health</b> Speaker: FR. ARSENIO A. LUMIQUED, JR., MSC. Missionary of the Sacred Heart, MSC Formation House, Surigao City
Workshop 10	<b>Digital Wellness</b> Speaker: MAE R. RAFANAN, RGC. Student Formation Services Manager, CIIT College of Arts and Technology
Workshop 11	<b>Addressing Mental Health Challenges: Navigating Cyberbullying, Suicide, and Substance Use</b> Speaker: DR. JOSIE BANAGLORIOSO Psychologist, In Touch Community Services
Workshop 12	<b>Collaboration Strategies with Mental Health Professionals</b> Speaker: DR. GLADIOLA A. EJE-DIMACULANGAN Director, Counseling and Psychological Wellness Center, University of Batangas
Workshop 13	<b>Developing and Implementing Peer Facilitators' Program</b> Speaker AM: Mr. Danilo N. Talusan, RGC. Guidance Counselor, Far Eastern University- Manila Auditor, PGCA National  Speaker PM: and Ms. Ma. Honey Belle B. Vicencio, RGC. Guidance Counselor, National University- Manila Assistant Secretary, PGCA National
Workshop 14	<b>Artificial Intelligence and Technology in Counseling</b> Speaker: CHRISTINE LOURDES P. LABAYEN, RGC. Guidance Coordinator, St. Scholastica's Academy- Bacolod
Workshop 15	<b>Case Conceptualization in Counseling</b> Speaker: DR. JACLYN MARIE L. CAUYAN Director, Office of Counseling and Guidance, University of the Philippines Diliman P.R.O., PGCA National
Workshop 16	<b>Professional Upscaling in a Continually Changing World</b> Speaker: DR. EVANGELINE AGUILAN Former President, Philippine Guidance and Counseling Association