



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region XI
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF DIGOS CITY

Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

August 7, 2025

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

SGOD-2025-472

To : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Division Chiefs
Public Schools District Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Public School Heads
Public School Teachers

Subject: **INVITATION FROM THE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES**

This is in reference to the 1st Indorsement dated July 16, 2025, signed by Allan G. Farnazo, Director IV, the herein invitation from Polytechnic University of the Philippines on the offering of Master's Degree in Education Major in Teaching in the Challenged Areas (MAED-TCA) for the First Semester of the academic year 2025-2026.

Participation to this activity is at the discretion of the School Division Superintendent. It should be voluntary and prior arrangement of the concerned school heads and teachers shall be made in compliance with DepEd Order No. 9 s. 2005 re: "Instituting Measures, to Increase Engaged Time-on Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith" ensuring that no classes shall be disrupted and no DepEd funds shall be used.

Relevant details and information are provided in the enclosures.

Attendance/participation is on official time only.

Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is directed.

Melanie P. Estacio
MELANIE P. ESTACIO, PhD, CESO VI
Schools Division Superintendent

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1st Indorsement
August 5, 2025

Respectfully referred to the Schools Division Superintendents, the invitation from the Polytechnic University of the Philippines on the offering of Master's degree in Education major in Teaching in the Challenged Areas (MAED-TCA) for the First Semester of the academic year 2025-2026, for information dissemination.

ALLAN G. FARNAZO
Director IV

Enclosed: As Stated.

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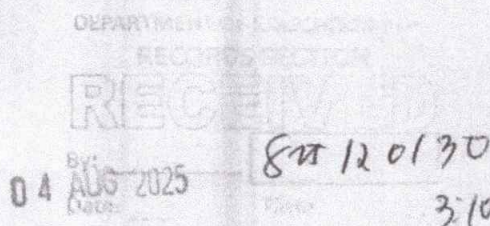


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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
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August 4, 2025

DR. ALLAN G. FARNAZO
Regional Director
Region XI
Department of Education



Dear Dr. Farnazo:

Greetings of Peace and Prosperity!

The Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP), one of the top universities in teacher education, is pleased to announce the offering of a Master's degree in Education major in Teaching in the Challenged Areas (MAED-TCA), the first of its kind in the country and the world. This innovative program aims to provide advanced training to help teachers cope with the demands of their profession and strengthen their motivation to teach in challenging contexts.

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) has already approved this program. The development of this new Master's program is one of the significant outcomes of Project Forth, or the Formation of Teachers in Emerging Challenged Areas in the Philippines, a capacity-building initiative co-funded by the Erasmus+ of the European Union Commission.

"Challenged Areas" encompass various aspects that learners may experience, including economic, legal, technological, social, cultural, political, and environmental factors. The MAED-TCA program is designed for passionate professionals committed to providing quality education to underserved communities. This program will enable educators to enhance their expertise, uplift learners, and make meaningful contributions to the future of education.

Moreover, may we humbly request assistance from your good office to help us promote this program by cordially inviting teachers in your division to consider joining and enrolling in the Master of Arts in Education major in Teaching in the Challenged Areas (MAED-TCA) program. This is a valuable opportunity for your dedicated educators to advance their academic and professional journeys with PUP.

We are also happy to let you know that admission for the MAED-TCA program at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) College of Education for the First Semester of AY 2025-2026 is officially OPEN this August 2025. Classes for the First Semester of the academic year 2025-2026 are scheduled to commence in September 2025. To accommodate diverse learning needs, the program considers both online and hybrid modes of teaching and learning. We encourage your DepEd teachers to seize this chance to elevate their impact in education and make a lasting difference by serving those who need it most, because excellence in education changes lives.

We'd be delighted to present the program to you and your teachers. Please feel free to reach out to us at 09457294287 or email us at macresencio@pup.edu.ph if you have any further questions. Thank you very much. We sincerely appreciate your anticipated support in promoting this significant program to your esteemed teachers. May you always be blessed.

Respectfully yours,

(Sgd.) Prof. MARION CRESENCIO, EdD
Chairperson, MAED-TCA / Associate Dean, Graduate School

Noted by:

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Dean, College of Education

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