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MR. DIONESIO L. LIWAGON, CESO VI
Schools Division Superintendent
Department of Education – Schools Division of Ozamiz City
Ozamiz City

Dear ***Mr. Liwagon:***

Maayong La Salle!

The La Salle University Psychology Society 4th-year organizers of the **6th Misamis Occidental Psychology Convention (MOPC)** would like to respectfully seek your support and approval in extending our invitation to public and private secondary schools under the Department of Education – Schools Division of Ozamiz City to participate in this year's convention.

With the theme ***"KAPWA: Pagkilala sa Sarili, Pag-unawa sa Iba, at Pagpapahalaga,"*** the convention will be held on **October 14-15, 2026** at the **Asenso Misamis Occidental Recreation and Adventure Park (AMORAP)**. It aims to deepen participants' understanding of *Sikolohiyang Pilipino* by exploring the relevance of ***kapwa*** in understanding Filipino identity, relationships, and economic challenges through keynote lectures, workshops, research presentations, and other academic and developmental activities.

The 6th MOPC is **open to all interested individuals**, with **senior high school and college students** particularly encouraged to participate. Schools, organizations, and other interested groups may participate through individual or group registration, with designated chaperones accompanying student delegations when applicable. All participants shall be subject to the registration requirements and guidelines set by the organizers.

The following registration packages are available for external delegates:

- **Package A (With Lunch, Snacks, and Kit) – ₱1,260.00**
- **Package B (With Lunch & Kit, No Snacks) – ₱1,100.00**
- **Package C (With Lunch, Snacks, & Kit without Shirt) – ₱900.00**
- **Package D (With Lunch & Snacks, No Kit) – ₱790.00**
- **Walk-in Package (With Lunch Only)– ₱500.00**

All individual packages include:

- Free transportation from LSU to the venue & vice versa

Should schools or organizations choose to avail **group packages**, we offer the following:

- **Promo A – ₱7,900.00:** 10 full-paying student delegates, availing of **Package D (₱790.00/delegate)**.
- **Promo B (9+1 Free) – ₱8,100.00:** 9 full-paying student delegates, availing of **Package C (₱900.00/delegate)**, with **1 complimentary delegate** receiving the same package inclusions.
- **Promo C – ₱6,000.00:** 12 student delegates, availing of the **Walk-in Package (₱500.00/delegate)**.

All group promos include:

- 1 complimentary chaperone admission inclusive of snacks
- Free transportation from LSU to the venue & vice versa

In line with our commitment to promoting psychological literacy and holistic student development, we respectfully request your permission for our organizing team to personally visit the secondary schools under your division to present and discuss the **6th MOPC**, including its objectives, activities, registration packages, and other relevant information. Through this personal dissemination, we hope to provide schools, students, and faculty members with a better understanding of the convention and the opportunities it offers.

We would likewise be grateful for your support in encouraging interested students and faculty members to participate in this significant academic gathering. In this regard, we respectfully request that participating students be considered for excused absences from their classes during the convention or be allowed appropriate alternative arrangements to make up for missed academic requirements. We believe that their participation in this convention will provide valuable opportunities for learning, personal growth, and meaningful engagement in psychology-related discussions and activities that can complement their academic development.

We believe that the participation of schools from your division will enrich the convention by fostering collaboration, knowledge sharing, and the promotion of mental health awareness among learners and educators across Misamis Occidental.

We sincerely hope for your favorable consideration of this request. Should you have concerns or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us at

- Email: mopc@lsu.edu.ph

- Contact number: 09512031234

Thank you for your continued support of programs that advance student development and educational excellence. We look forward to partnering with your office in making the 6th Misamis Occidental Psychology Convention a meaningful and successful event.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Ms. Jodi Chrissie Garcia Sta. Maria

Professional Background

- **Filipino actress, television host, producer, and mental health advocate**
- Known for using her platform to promote mental health awareness and psychological well-being
- Frequently invited as a motivational and mental health speaker at educational and professional events

Educational Background

- **BS in Psychology, Dean's Merit Awardee**, Southville International School & Colleges (2021)
- Currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Counselling and Psychotherapy

Areas of Expertise

- Psychology
- Mental Health Advocacy
- Counseling and Psychotherapy
- Emotional Wellness

Selected Contributions

- Advocates for mental health awareness and emotional well-being
- Inspires students and professionals through talks on healing, resilience, and compassion
- Promotes the importance of psychological support and self-care

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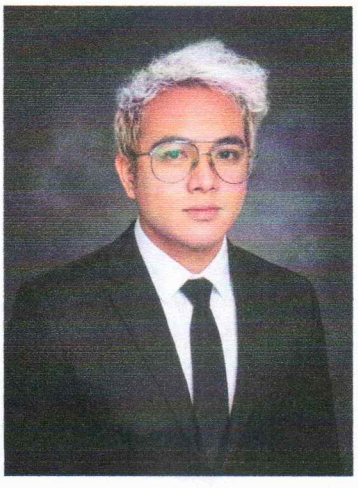

Dr. Argel B. Masanda, PhD, RPsy, RGC, LPT, CHRA

Professional Background

- Full Professor of Psychology, National University Philippines – Clark Campus
- **Registered Psychologist (RPsy)**
- **Registered Psychometrician (RPm)**
- **Registered Guidance Counselor (RGC)**
- **Licensed Professional Teacher (LPT)**
- **Certified Human Resource Associate (CHRA)**
- Clinical and Forensic Psychologist, researcher, author, and international resource speaker

Educational Background

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Forensic Psychology, Far Eastern University
- Recognized as **the first Filipino psychologist to earn a doctorate in Forensic Psychology**

Areas of Expertise

- Forensic Psychology
- Clinical Psychology
- Psychological Assessment
- Mental Health
- Guidance and Counseling
- Gender Studies
- Positive Psychology

Selected Contributions

- **Pioneered Forensic Psychology in the Philippines as the first Filipino to earn a PhD in the field**
- Authored psychology books and numerous peer-reviewed research publications
- Conducted over 500 national and international lectures, seminars, and trainings on psychology and mental health

- Promotes mental health awareness through research, clinical practice, and media engagements

Mr. Jholyan Francis S. Fornillos, MA, RPsy

Professional Background

- Assistant Professor of Psychology
- **Consultant Psychologist**

Educational Attainment :

- **MA in Psychology (Developmental Psychology)**
- PhD in Clinical Psychology (Ongoing)

Awards / Recognitions related to Psychology :

- **Outstanding Teacher Award (Junior Faculty Category)**, College of Arts and Sciences, **University of the Philippines Los Baños**
- **President of the Pambansang Samahan sa Sikolohiyang Pilipino (PPSP) 2024-2027**

Mr. John Gabriel A. Lasquites, CAP I, ICRC, MA (CAR)

Professional Background

- **Founder and CEO, Solace Center for CBT (Solace Wellness Center), Cagayan de Oro City**
- Psychology Faculty Member, Xavier University – Ateneo de Cagayan
- **International Certified Addiction Professional (ICAP) and Mental Health Practitioner**

Areas of Expertise

- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)
- Mental Health Advocacy
- Addiction Recovery
- Psychological Assessment
- Community Mental Health

Selected Contributions

- **Founded Solace Center for CBT, providing evidence-based psychological services in Northern Mindanao**
- Conducts psychosocial support and mental health outreach programs in communities through Xavier University
- **Published research on mental health literacy, self-stigma, and help-seeking behavior among Filipinos**
- Advocates for addiction recovery and community-based mental health interventions

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Chairperson, 6th MOPC

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Adviser, 6th MOPC

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Youth Moderator, LSU Psychology Society

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