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**60TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND 2025 INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE OF THE PHILIPPINE GUIDANCE AND
COUNSELING ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Attached is a communication from Christopher P. Hernandez, MS, OTRP, RGC, National President, Philippine Guidance and Counseling Association, Inc., inviting guidance counselors, advocates, and supervisors to attend the 60th Annual National Conference and 2025 International Conference on May 21-23, 2025, at the Manila Hotel and St. Scholastica's College Manila.

The details of the requested engagement are in the attached communication.

Considering that this is an Advisory, Schools Division Superintendents are given the discretion to act on this matter.

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DR. EVELYN R. FETALVERO
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Dear Dr. Fetalvero:

Warm greetings!

The Philippine Guidance and Counseling Association, Inc. (PGCA), the Accredited Integrated Professional Organization Commission, will hold its **60th 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 (cc: bssoliman@tau.edu.ph).

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

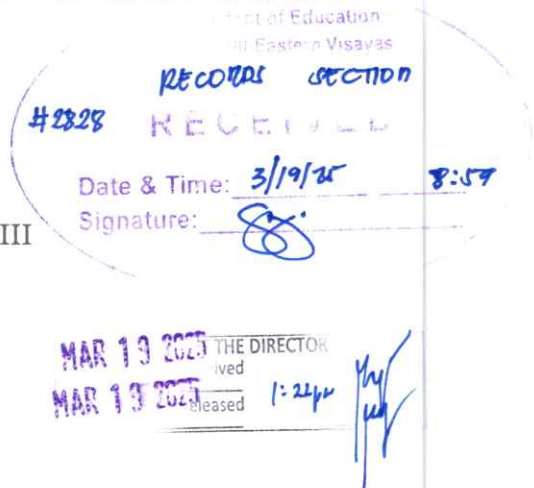
Thank you and God bless.

Sincerely yours,

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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:

	Early bird Rate until March 31, 2025	Regular Rate until April 30, 2025	Onsite Rate until May 16, 2024 (limited slots only)
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	P 6,400.00
PWD and Senior Citizen (Non-Member)	P 6,000.00	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/PGCA6thPersonalInvForm>

For further inquiries, you may call us at (02) 5310-4374 or email at 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.

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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	Opening Program
	<p>Processional</p> <p>Doxology and National Anthem.....Battig Chamber Singers</p> <p>Introduction of Participants.....Ruth Ann L. Musngi, RGC, RPh. Secretary, PGCA National</p> <p>Welcome Address.....Christopher P. Hernandez, MAEd, MS, OTRP, RGC. President, PGCA National</p> <p>Greetings and Messages:</p> <p>Dr. Luzviminda S. Guzman, RGC. Chairperson, PRB-GC</p> <p>Dr. Carmelita P. Pabiton, RGC. Member, PRB-GC</p> <p>Dr. Elena V. Morada, RGC. Member, PRB-GC</p> <p>Hon. Maria Sheila "Honey" H. Lacuna-Pangan, MD, FPDS 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 Program Orientation.....Dr. Benny S. Soliman, RGC, RPsy. 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	Plenary Session 3: Promoting Inclusive Counseling Practices: Addressing the Needs of Students from Diverse Background Speaker: Dato' Dr. Abd Halim Bin Mohd Hussin
2:30-4:00PM	Plenary Session 4: Strengthening Collaborative Efforts: Building Alliance Between Counselors, School Administrators, and Parents Speaker: Dr. Rowena V. Banes
4:00-5:00PM 5:00PM – 6:00PM	COMELEC Announcement of Winners 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	Plenary Session 5: The Role of Counseling in Enhancing Employee Well-being and Productivity Speaker: Dr. Julian R. Montano
9:30-11:00	Plenary Session 6: Trauma-Informed Counseling in the Workplace: Addressing Employee Burnout and Trauma Speaker: Dr. Lourdes C. Medina
11:00-1:00PM	CBL Amendment Presentation of the New BODs (Sponsors Presentation) Lunch Break
1-2:30	Plenary Session 7: Community-Based Counseling: Strategies for Supporting Mental Health at the Grassroots Level Speaker: Dr. Dinah Nadera
2:30-4:00	Plenary Session 8: Family Counseling in the Community: Strengthening Relationships and Support Systems 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	Paper Presentations AM: 9 Presenters PM: 9 Presenters
Workshop 3	Expressive Therapy Through Music Speaker: ERNESITA CORPUZ, MAEd, RGC, RPm, LPT. Clinical Manager, Emotional Wellbeing Solutions - PH Hub/ Optum Global Solutions



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