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**UP HEALTH SCIENCES AND PRE-MEDICINE SOCIETY
ANNUAL RESEARCH SUMMIT**

Attached is letter invitation of UP Health Sciences and Pre-Medicine Society of the University of the Philippines.

The UP-Health Sciences and Pre-Medicine Society's Department of Service, Education, and Research will hold its annual Research Summit with the theme: "At the Heart of Health: Advancing Health, Science, and Research".

The activity aims to increase students' awareness and knowledge about the dynamic field of health sciences and to give aspiring scientists from various schools to showcase their innovative ideas, engage in intellectual discourse, and receive recognition for their scientific endeavors.

The target participants are Senior High School students.

Participation of both public and private schools shall be subject to the *no-disruption-of-classes policy* 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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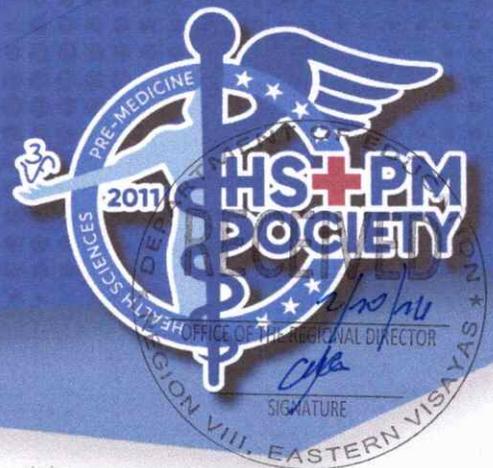


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Ronelo Al K. Firmo
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Dear Dr. Firmo:

Greetings from the **UP Health Sciences and Pre-Medicine Society** of the **University of the Philippines Manila!**

The **UP HS+PM Soc** remains steadfast in its commitment to providing a conducive avenue for aspiring physicians and healthcare workers through our events and projects. Our organization prides itself on upholding the core values of *camaraderie, compassion & service, empowerment, and holistic excellence*, which all contribute to fostering excellence in the health sciences. Since its founding in 2011, the UP HS+PM Soc has been one of the leading organizations in UP Manila, dedicated to fostering leadership skills, cultivating excellence among future healthcare professionals, and advocating for quality and accessible healthcare for all Filipinos. In accordance with these aspirations, the UP HS+PM Soc has been a founding member of **The Alliance of Philippine Pre-Medical Societies (APPSoc)** and an **Accredited Youth Organization by SDSN Youth Philippines (AYO)**. Through unwavering support, we strive to empower individuals to excel in their healthcare journeys and make meaningful contributions to the medical and healthcare fields.

This coming **April 18, 2026**, UP HS+PM' Soc's **Department of Service, Education, and Research** will conduct its **annual RESEARCH SUMMIT**. Research Summit serves as a platform for students to increase awareness and knowledge about the dynamic fields of health sciences. Currently in its third year, Research Summit facilitates an event, where aspiring scientists, particularly high school students from various schools, converge to showcase their innovative ideas, engage in intellectual discourse, and receive recognition for their scientific endeavors.

The theme of Research Summit 2026 is "**At the Heart of Health: Advancing Health, Science, and Society**". **Senior High School** students will be given a chance to present their remarkable research **face-to-face** during the morning session, serving as an avenue to exhibit their novel ideas. Additionally, a **Health Sciences Quiz Bee** for **UP Manila Undergraduate** students will be administered in the afternoon session, which will foster critical thinking,

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collaboration, and knowledge application in the fields of health sciences and research.

In this regard, we respectfully request your esteemed office's **official endorsement and support** for this significant event. Through your assistance, senior high school students within your region/division can be informed about this opportunity and encouraged to actively participate. We believe that this initiative aligns with the Department of Education's commitment to holistic education and the development of students' academic and leadership potential.

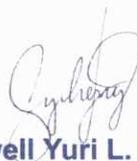
For your reference, we have attached a primer of the event containing more details regarding Research Summit 2026. Should you require further details or clarifications, please feel free to contact **Alchris Marie D. Ceballos** at **+63 967 427 2339** or **adceballos@up.edu.ph / uphspmressummit@gmail.com**. We look forward to your favorable response and continued support in advancing education for the youth.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

In the name of health and service,



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