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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Regional Directors
All Schools Division Superintendents
All Public School Heads

FROM: JESUS L.R. MATEO
Undersecretary

SUBJECT: Conduct of the University of the Philippines College
Admission Test (UPCAT) 2019 and UPCAT 2019 Roadshow

DATE: 17 July 2018

To: SDs
For your appropriate
action, please.
Thank you very much
J. Mateo

The University of the Philippines (UP) Office of Admissions is currently preparing for the UP College Admission Test (UPCAT) 2019 which will be administered on September 15 and 16, 2018 in 85 Test Centers nationwide. Last year, out of the 78,961 UPCAT 2018 takers, only 14% came from the public schools, excluding Science schools, State-, and UP-administered schools. This was a notable decrease from the 31% public school participants of the 88,554 applicants for UPCAT 2015.

In order to guarantee diversity of the University student population, the UP Office of Admissions will be conducting the **UPCAT roadshow** – a briefing about the UP System, the UPCAT, and how to apply for admission into UP – in different public schools in the country. Please note that UPCAT 2019 application is free of charge for all Filipino applicants. School Heads and other concerned personnel are advised to coordinate with the UP Office of Admissions in the conduct of the UPCAT roadshow in schools. Wide dissemination of information on UPCAT 2019 and the herein attached General Information Bulletin on Freshmen Admission is also requested.

The deadline for submission of UPCAT 2019 applications for learners from public schools in Metro Manila is **August 3, 2018** while the deadline for learners from public schools outside Metro Manila is **August 10, 2018**.

For more information, please contact Ms. Diane Catibog at telephone number (02) 926-4002, (02) 981-8500 local 3831, or through testdev.upoa@gmail.com.



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Undersecretary

Dear Sec. Briones,

Greetings!

The UP Office of Admissions is currently making preparations for the administration of the UP College Admission Test (UPCAT 2019) to select qualifiers who will enter the University of the Philippines System as freshmen for AY 2019-2020.

As before, we ask for your assistance in disseminating information about the exam, which will be conducted on **September 15 & 16, 2018** in 85 Test Centers nationwide, and endorsing our UPCAT Roadshow—a briefing about the UP System, the UPCAT, and how to apply for admission into UP.

This is the second batch of graduates after the full implementation of K-12 and UP seeks to reach out to the Senior High School graduates of public schools, especially in the regions. We have noted that out of the 78,961 applicants of last year's exam (UPCAT 2018), only 14% came from the public schools. This was a notable decrease from the 31% public school participants of the 88,554 applicants for the UPCAT 2015 (old curriculum). [Please note that these public school figures do not include those from the Sciences schools, State- and UP-administered schools]. While we also surmise that this apparent decrease in participation of public school students in the UPCAT may be due in part to the migration of some public school students to private senior high schools through the voucher program, we would still like to exert greater effort in increasing the participation of students who will actually graduate from the public senior high schools in the UPCAT. This will not only ensure that more Filipinos will be given the opportunity to become *Iskolars ng Bayan*, but will also guarantee that the University student population will always be composed of a diverse group of the best UPCAT performers.

Similarly, an improved participation in the UPCAT of students from all high school types and regions will give the University valuable information about the effectiveness of the K-12 program and how it can impact curricular revisions in the baccalaureate degrees offered by the different constituent units.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the endorsement letter that your office issued last year which helped us in reaching out to the different public schools. We look forward to your continued support in these efforts.

We will be including some material on UPCAT 2019 with this letter. Please note that UPCAT Application is FREE for all Filipino applicants this year. For further information, your office may contact Diane Catibog at 9264002, 9818500 loc 3831 or email testdev.upoa@gmail.com.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

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