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**KABATAAN ROADTRIP '25-26'**

Attached is a letter from Ms. Patricia Mae A. Fernandez, from UP Samahan Tungo sa Progresibong Administrasyon, dated March 24, 2026, the contents of which are self-explanatory, for the information and guidance of all concerned.

Participation of 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.

Moreover, schools are reminded of the "No Collection and No Selling of Tickets Policy" stipulated in DepEd Order Nos. 19 and 40, s. 2008 and RA Nos. 4206 and 5546.

CTCC/ UP Samahan Tungo sa Progresibong Administrasyon  
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## UP SAMAHAN TUNGO SA PROGRESIBONG ADMINISTRASYON

Kabataan Roadtrip 2026

DEAR SIR/MADAM,

MARCH 24

### Greetings!

The **UP Samahan Tungo sa Progresibong Administrasyon (UP STPA)** is the longest-running socio-academic organization based in the **National College of Public Administration and Governance (NCPAG)** of the **University of the Philippines Diliman**. For more than three decades, the organization has been dedicated to promoting academic excellence, critical awareness, and public service among Filipino youth.

Contingent with our values, UP STPA annually initiates and organizes the biggest and widest student-led forum and competition series, **Kabataan Roadtrip**. The primary goal of KR is to inculcate a deeper sense of understanding of public administration and foster a stronger sense of commitment to public service in high school students. As such, UP STPA presents the theme for Kabataan Roadtrip's 11th anniversary – **"Ethical Leadership in Public Service: Transforming Heroic Leaders to Heroic Systems"**. By addressing how young people can engage in public administration, this event seeks to empower young learners to understand that genuine change and sustainable reform in public service require both ethical values and well-managed systems working hand in hand. The event will be held on **April 11-12, 2026**, at the University of the Philippines Diliman.

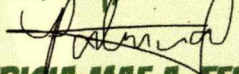
In this regard, we would like to **request an endorsement from your esteemed Schools Division Office**. Addressed to your **constituent senior high schools**, this endorsement will greatly help us invite and encourage students from both public and private schools to participate in our two-day forum and contests, which aim to empower the youth's role and capacity to drive solutions, foster resilience, and push for sustainable policies.

Enclosed with this letter are the event primer and relevant details regarding Kabataan Roadtrip 2026. Additional information regarding the event and participation guidelines may also be provided upon request.

Kindly give us your confirmation by **27 March 2026**. Should you have any inquiries, you may contact us through this email address or message **Nia Garaygay at 0916 200 5653** or **Pat Fernandez at 0966 897 8493**.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

  
**PATRICIA MAE A. FERNANDEZ**  
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University of the Philippines Diliman





# KABATAAN ROADTRIP

## 2026 EVENT PRIMER



# ABOUT UP STPA!



The UP Samahan Tungo sa Progresibong Administrasyon (UP STPA) is a university-recognized socio-academic student organization, a two-time Gawad Chancellor Awardee for Best Student Organization in 1996 and 1997, based in the National College of Public Administration and Governance (NCPAG) of the University of the Philippines-Diliman. UP STPA has remained to be the oldest organization in the college.

For the past thirty-two years, UP STPA has dedicated itself to the service of the Filipino people through the utilization of Public Administration as an effective and systematic tool in providing a humanistic and nationalistic-oriented public service that is accountable and credible. Its projects and programs have been grounded to instill Academic Excellence, Critical Awareness, and Public Service in its members and the public.

### OUR REACH

**7.6K**  
FACEBOOK  
FOLLOWERS

**572**  
INSTAGRAM  
FOLLOWERS

**546**  
X  
FOLLOWERS

**1,966**  
TIKTOK  
FOLLOWERS



## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

UP STPA is committed to promoting Academic Excellence in its members. In line with this, symposia, lectures, seminar workshops, and forums such as course appreciation program, tutorials, project management workshops, and public speaking and debate seminars are given to the members of the organization and other UP students to encourage them to give more importance to the education they are privileged to have.

## CRITICAL AWARENESS!

As students of Public Administration, UP STPA believes in the strength of the people to influence change and progress in the government. Public Lectures, debates, Voter's Education, Discussions, and Film Showing issues concerning Filipinos such as the Fiscal Crisis, Government Reinvention, Electoral Reforms, and Poverty are held to further develop critical awareness in them, hoping that they are future advocates of change in our country.

## PUBLIC SERVICE

Outreach programs, medical missions, and book sharing for urban poor communities and indigenous groups, as well as leadership training and self-development workshops for public high school students, are held to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters and to give STPAers the chance to serve the Filipino people making UP STPA an effective and efficient training ground for future public administrators.

This dedication has led to the organization's recognition by the University of the Philippines as a three-time Gawad Chancellor Awardee for Best Student Organization in 1996 and 1997. Still, the UP STPA's responsibility of helping to create a better Philippine society continues—a commitment we will carry on to the future.



# KABATAAN ROADTRIP

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THIS YEAR'S THEME IS...

## ETHICAL LEADERSHIP IN PUBLIC SERVICE: TRANSFORMING HEROIC LEADERS TO HEROIC SYSTEMS

In recent years, Filipinos have repeatedly witnessed controversies involving public officials, from allegations of graft and misuse of public funds to weak or delayed accountability mechanisms. These incidents are no longer just news headlines, they've also played a crucial role in perpetuating the declining public trust in government institutions. While public discourse often focuses on individual leaders' characters and intention, the persistence of these issues reveal deeply-rooted weaknesses in how the public sector system is designed and managed. Reliance on discretion and personal intervention of these leaders only offer short-term fixes. While ethical leaders play a crucial role in governance, they represent only the starting point of meaningful and sustainable change. This context highlights the need to view ethical leadership and systems management as complementary. Where integrity is reflected not only on individual conduct but also in designing a more transparent, effective, and accountable public sector processes.



# THROUGHOUT THE YEARS!

2015	NETIZENS FOR DEMOCRACY
2016	SERVICE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE YOUTH
2017	PRESENTING PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION THROUGH THE YOUTH
2018	THE ROLE OF YOUTH IN UPHOLDING THE RULE OF LAW
2019	THE ROLE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION & YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC HEALTH & AGRICULTURE
2020	THE INTERSECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN ADDRESSING THE PANDEMIC
2021	THE GEN Z'S POTENTIAL: ENGAGING THE YOUTH IN PUBLIC SERVICE AND GOOD GOVERNANCE
2022	THE FUTURE OF E-GOVERNANCE: EXPLORING THE YOUTH'S ROLE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
2023	CHARTING THE PATH TO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE: THE ROLE OF PA IN ADVANCING RESILIENT AND EQUITABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT
2024	NAVIGATING TURBULENCE: MODERN STRATEGIES FOR CRISIS MANAGEMENT IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION



**DAY 01: APRIL 11, 2026 (SATURDAY)**

**DAY 02: APRIL 12, 2026 (SUNDAY)**



# FORUM TOPICS

DAY 1: APRIL 11, 2026

## BEYOND THE HEROIC LEADER: ETHICS, ACCOUNTABILITY AND CRISIS OF PUBLIC TRUST

This discussion forum examines ethical leadership as a foundation of public service. Using real-life situations, the forum explores how values such as integrity, accountability, and responsibility shape the actions of public officials and affect the public trust in government. It also invites participants to reflect on a difficult but necessary question: why do governance issues persist even when leaders appear well-intentioned? By reflecting on the limits of relying solely on "good" or "heroic" leaders, participants are encouraged to see ethics not only as a personal value but as a public responsibility that must be supported by strong institutions and accountability mechanisms.

## SYSTEMS OVER SAVIORS: INSTITUTIONS, PROCESSES, AND BUILDING SYSTEMS THAT WORK

This discussion forum focuses on how government systems and processes affect everyday public service performance, from delays in basic social services to inefficiencies in policy implementation. The forum helps participants understand how rules, procedures, and institutional design shape what public servants can and cannot do. Through concrete examples, participants will see how even ethical and capable leaders can struggle within a poorly designed system, and how well-managed systems can make governance more effective, transparent, and equitable. This discussion encourages a shift from personality-driven solutions to systems thinking, ultimately serving as a key step towards sustainable public sector reform.

DAY 2: APRIL 12, 2026

## POLICY IN ACTION: YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND INITIATIVES FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE



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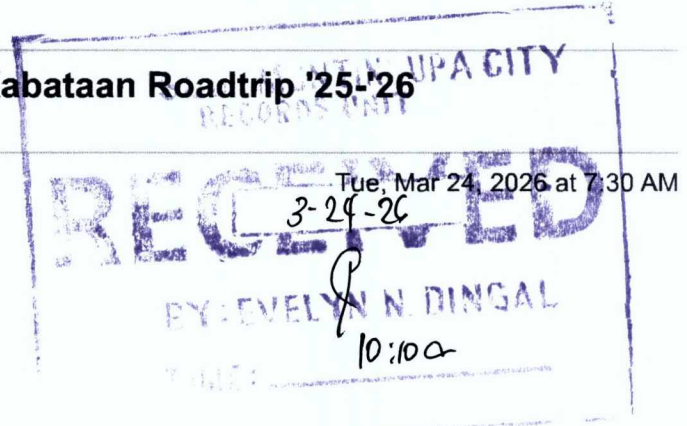


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**[UP STPA DepEd Endorsement Request] Kabataan Roadtrip '25-'26**

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### **2 attachments**



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