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This advisory is issued for the information of DepEd officials,
personnel/staff, as well as the concerned public.

CCP KABATAANG GITARISTA (KG) PROGRAM

Attached is a Gmail from Carylle L. Mermida, Project Coordinator of CCP Kabataang Gitarista (KG) Program, dated June 4, 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-Classroom Policy of the Department, 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.

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Cultural Center of the Philippines

SENTRONG PANGKULTURA NG PILIPINAS

4 June 2026

DR. VIOLETA M. GONZALES

OIC, Schools Division Superintendent
Division of City Schools Muntinlupa
Muntinlupa Elementary School Compound Poblacion St., City of Muntinlupa

Dear Dr. Gonzales,

Warm greetings from the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP)!

We are pleased to inform you that the CCP, through its Artist Training Division (ATD) of the Arts Education Department, is now accepting applications for Batch 14 of the **CCP Kabataang Gitarista Program (KG)**. This program aims to discover, train, and support young classical guitarists from various public high schools in the National Capital Region (NCR), fostering their artistic growth and expanding opportunities for music education.

The program was organized in August 2012 to promote appreciation for, and interest in, classical guitar performance among public high school students; to provide the highest level of guitar training **FREE OF CHARGE**; and to develop a performing classical guitar ensemble. The current mentors are Christian Mercader and Fernando Sy-Changco III, all of whom are alumni of the program.

The members of the program have given performances in selected public and private schools, at the CCP, and other venues, promoting classical guitar among the youth through workshops and lecture demonstrations. Selected members have represented the Philippines in international guitar festivals and have won awards in both local and international classical guitar competitions.

In this regard, we respectfully request your assistance in promoting the CCP KG Program Call for Applications through the issuance of an official **DEPED Memorandum** to all schools in your division. This initiative will allow aspiring young musicians to showcase their talents and potentially become part of the CCP Kabataang Gitarista Program, where they will receive the highest level of classical guitar training year-round under experienced mentors free of charge.

To qualify, interested applicants must:

- be enrolled in a public high school in the National Capital Region (NCR);
- be in either grade levels 7, 8, or 9;
- have a high interest in learning the classical guitar;
- can commit to attending the **FREE** weekly lessons on Saturdays at the CCP Complex;
- be able to bring a nylon-stringed guitar to the weekly lessons;
- be able to accomplish the application form via Google Forms.
- be able to allot time for guitar self-practice during weekdays outside of the regular training sessions.

As part of the registration and orientation requirements, **all applicants are required to submit an online application via Google Forms** and are encouraged to bring their guitar to perform a song of their choice.

KEY TIMELINE:

DATE/S	TIME	ACTIVITY
Tuesday, August 25, 2026	5:00 PM	DEADLINE OF ONLINE APPLICATIONS
<u>AUDITION DATE:</u> Saturday, August 29, 2026	12:30 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	CALL TIME & REGISTRATION AUDITIONS Venue: CCP Tanghalang Ignacio Gimenez, CCP Complex (https://maps.app.goo.gl/Xb52qY8Eb3DQ6YTs8)
Saturday, September 5, 2026	9:30 AM 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	CALL TIME & REGISTRATION ORIENTATION TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS & NEW MEMBERS Venue: CCP Annex Building (https://maps.app.goo.gl/YCscqREL2ebPYGdn9)

Applicants who miss the online registration period may still audition as **walk-ins**. Walk-in applicants will accomplish the Google Form onsite before the audition.

You may access the Application Form via this link: <https://tinyurl.com/ApplicationFormB14>. Also attached are the CCP KG Program profile and performance photos for your reference.

We hope for your support in disseminating this information to ensure that interested students from different schools have the opportunity to take part in this meaningful program. We are confident that the participants of the program will gain tremendous value from the classical guitar training provided by our Mentors.

Should you have any other questions, please feel free to contact us via email at kabataangguitarista.official@gmail.com.

Thank you very much, and we look forward to your favorable response and appreciate your support in advancing music education for young learners.

Respectfully,

VALINE MAE D. CALMERIN
Officer-in-Charge
Artist Training Division
Arts Education Department
Cultural Center of the Philippines



For more information:
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READ about the CCP KG Program
WATCH documentaries and performances



CCP KABATAANG GITARISTA PROGRAM

The Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) Kabataang Gitarista Program is a year-round FREE classical guitar training program open to public high school students in the National Capital Region (NCR). Its members, known as the *CCP's Kabataang Gitarista*, or KG for short, receive free classical guitar training every Saturday morning at the CCP.

The program was organized by the CCP's Artist Training Division of the Arts Education Department in August 2012 to promote appreciation for, and interest in classical guitar performance among public high school students; to provide the highest level of classical guitar training free of charge; and to develop a performing classical guitar ensemble.

The members have given solo performances in their respective high schools, have won inter-high school instrumental competitions, and have participated in public and private school concerts, outreach concerts, and music festivals.

Selected members have represented the Philippines in international guitar festivals and have won awards in both local and international classical guitar competitions. These include the St. Scholastica's College Classical Guitar Competition, the National Music Competitions for Young Artists (NAMCYA), the Asia International Guitar Competition, and the Saigon International Guitar Competition.

The members give regular lecture-demonstrations in public high schools to promote appreciation for classical guitar among the youth. They give an annual performance for the CCP Pasinaya Open House Festival and for its anniversary recital, besides other performances held during the year.





CCP KG Saturday Practice Sessions
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Lecture - performance for the Grade 7 & 8 students of
Tambo National High School in Parañaque



Kyle Adam Lorenzana and Gian Franco Ambrosio,
winners, Junior Guitar Category, National Music
Competitions for Young Artists, November 2023



Gian Franco Ambrosio, 1st Prize Winner, Junior
Guitar Category, National Music Competitions for
Young Artists, October 2025



CCP Kabataang Gitarista, CCP Pasinaya Open
House Festival, February 8, 2026



CCP Kabataang Gitarista, ASEAN Law Forum, Raffles
Makati, March 12, 2026



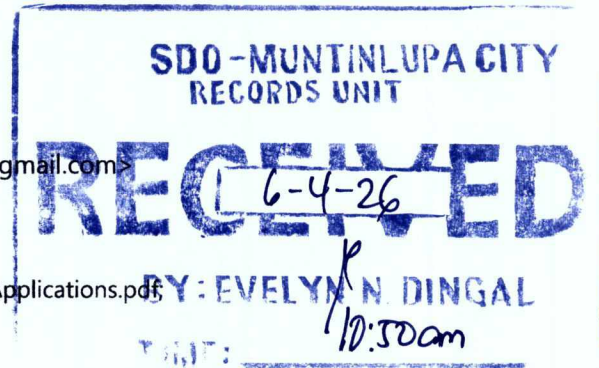
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[CCP Request for DEPED Memorandum] CCP Kabataang Gitarista Program Batch 14 Call for Applications

From CCP Artist Training Division <artist.training@culturalcenter.gov.ph>
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Letter Invitation to SDO Muntinlupa - CCP Kabataang Gitarista Program Call for Applications.pdf



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Dear SDO Muntinlupa:

Greetings from the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP)!

We are excited to inform you that the **CCP Kabataang Gitarista (KG) Program**, a **FREE** Classical Guitar Training initiative for Junior High School students from public schools, is now accepting applications for new members. This program, which has seen remarkable success over the years, is open to students from schools in the National Capital Region (NCR). Accepted students will attend training sessions every Saturday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Cultural Center of the Philippines Annex in Pasay City.

In line with this, we respectfully request your assistance in promoting the CCP KG Program Call for Applications through the issuance of an official **DEPED Memorandum** to all schools in your division. We have attached an official invitation and guidelines from the CCP for your reference.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact the CCP Artist Training Division at kabataanggitarista.official@gmail.com (look for Ms. Carylle Mermida, Project Coordinator)

Thank you very much for your support, and we look forward to your positive response.

Respectfully,

CARYLLE L. MERMIDA
Project Coordinator