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INVITATION TO THE INTEGRATED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES (IPCAP) 24TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION IN BORACAY

The Integrated Professional Counselors Association of the Philippines (IPCAP) invites the counselors, guidance advocates, and other mental health professionals to the upcoming IPCAP 24th Annual National Convention. The convention is scheduled on **February 18-19, 2026**, at **the Paradise Garden Boracay Resort & Convention Center – Station 2, Malay, 5608, Aklan**. The theme is "Well-being for All: Leveraging Technology to Democratize Mental Health Care Across Settings".

Attached are the details and additional information about the Convention.

Dissemination of this advisory is desired.

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November 9, 2025

To: All DepEd Regional Directors and **Schools Division Superintendents**

ATTN: Guidance Counselors/Guidance Designates

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Integrated Professional Counselors Association of the Philippines (IPCAP), Inc.is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for Filipinos. It achieves this by providing relevant training to counselors and other mental health experts.

We are delighted to invite the counselors, guidance advocates, and other mental health professionals employed in your institution to our upcoming IPCAP 24th Annual National Convention. The convention is scheduled on February 18-19, 2026, at the Paradise Garden Boracay Resort & Convention Center - Station 2, Malay, 5608, Aklan. The theme is "Well-being for All: Leveraging Technology to Democratize Mental health Care Across Settings".

This two-day program aims to address the pressing need for accessible mental healthcare. The convention will explore how innovative technologies can dismantle traditional barriers to mental health services, such as stigma, cost, and geographical location. We will delve into topics like telehealth, wellness, and Al-driven support systems. This event will bring together experts and practitioners to discuss and develop strategies for integrating these tools into various settings, from clinical practice and schools to workplaces and community mental health programs. By focusing on technology as a catalyst, we aim to forge a new path toward a future where mental well-being is not a privilege, but a universal right, ensuring that no individual is left behind.

Details of the registration are as follows:

Registration	Active Member/Senior/PWD/ Student	Non-Member
Early Bird Rate (Until November 20, 2025)	PhP 5,800.00	PhP 6,000.00
Regular Rate/Onsite	PhP 6,000.00	PhP 6,500.00

We are confident that our combined efforts will make meaningful impact on the ongoing development of the mental health profession. We value your contribution and look forward to your attendance. Details of the program and payment transfer methods are outlined in the attached documents. You may use this email address, ipcap2018@gmail.com, for any questions about this event. Sincerely,

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REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

1. Deposit your registration fee:

BDO Current Account 000-220-084-661

Account Name: Integrated Professional Counselors Association of the Philippines, Inc.

OR IPCAP

BDO Branch: E. Rodriguez Ave. Quezon City

2. Register using the link https://bit.ly/2026IPCAPANC_Bora

or QR Code:



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Learn, Travel, and Have Fun the IPCAP way by attending the IPCAP 24th Annual National Convention (February 18-19, 2026) at Boracay, Philippines.

Note:

If you are paying through an e-wallet (GCash or Paymaya), choose the bank transfer feature, then add "0" or "000" before the account number. For the Account Name: You may encode IPCAP This is to satisfy the required digits for the fund transfer.

OTHER DETAILS:

For Membership, please email merpainaga ipcap@gmail.com or ipcap2018@gmail.com

For more updates, you may also like our Facebook Fanpage - Phil IPCAP.



IPCAP 24th Annual National Convention February 18-19, 2026

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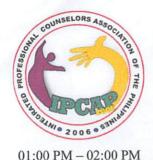
Theme: "Well-being for All: Leveraging Technology to Democratize Mental Health Care Across Settings." Objectives:

- increase the self-reported confidence of participating mental health professionals in integrating digital mental health tools
- 2. ensure that participants can correctly identify the key components necessary for creating inclusive, technology-supported school-based mental health programs
- 3. foster a greater appreciation and sense of commitment among mental health professionals

DAY 1: February 18, 2026

Lunch

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07:00 AM - 07:30 AM	REGISTRATION	IPCAP Secretariat
08:00 – 08:15 AM	Opening Ceremony Philippine National Anthem Doxology	AVP
	Welcome Address and Presentation of the Participants	Marilyn N. Hari, Ph.D., RGC IPCAP Governing Council Chair
	Message	Hon. Luzviminda S. Guzman, Ed.D., RGC Chair, Professional Regulatory Board for Guidance and Counseling
08:16 AM – 10:00 AM	Keynote Address: The Human Connection in the Digital World: Navigating the New Frontier of Filipino Mental Healthcare	Luzlin P. Elcullada, Ph.D., RGC 2024 PRC Outstanding Professional of the Year in Guidance and Counseling University of San Carlos - Cebu
10:00 AM – 12:00 NN	Plenary Talk 1: Leveraging AI and Data for Mental Health Research and Intervention	Chris John S. Bedoria, Ph.D., RGC, RPsy Guidance Services Specialist University of the Philippines Diliman
12:00 PM – 01:00 PM	IPCAP Membership	Ms. Ma. Eleanor R. Panaiga, MA., RGC IPCAP Officer for Membership



Research Presentation:

Well-being for All: Leveraging

Technology to Democratize Mental Health

Care Across Settings

Melisa S. Gonzales, MS., RGC

Moderator

De La Salle Lipa

02:00 PM - 05:00 PM Plenary Workshop 1: Building a

Digital-Ready Practice: Competencies for

Online Counseling, Coaching, and

Mentoring

Merimee T. Siena, Ph.D., RGC, RPsy, LPT

SASO Director, Philippine Normal University Psychologist/Consultant, Ateneo Bulatao Center

DAY 2: February 19, 2026

08:00 AM - 12:00 NN Plenary Workshop 2:

Navigating Physical and Digital Spaces: How

to Identify and Respond to Mental Health

Distress in Clients

Lunch

Chris John S. Bedoria, Ph.D., RGC, RPsy

Guidance Services Specialist

University of the Philippines Diliman

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM Oathtaking

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Marilyn N. Hari, Ph.D., RGC

IPCAP Governing Council Chair

Rose Gold Medal Awards

Von Karlo N. Gonzales, MS, RGC Fr. Bernardo C. Collera, SVD., RGC

Maryfe M. Roxas, Ph.D., RGC.

Ex-Officio Governing Council Officers

Plenary Workshop 3: Finding Wellness

Beyond the Screen: Integrating Indigenous

Rhythms for Mental Health

Carlino G. Santos, Jr., Ph.D., RGC.

Head, Student Welfare Services

PNU North Luzon, Indigenous People's Hub

03:30 PM - 04:30 PM

01:00 PM - 03:30 PM

Plenary Talk 2: Creating Inclusive

School-Based Mental Health Programs

Venus M. Dis-aguen, RGC, LPT

Senior Education Program Specialist

Department of Education

Jona Kristen M. Valdez, RGC, LPT

Supervising Education Program Specialist

Department of Education

04:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Closing Message of Convention Chair

Awarding of Certificates to the Participants

Ms. Marie Chiela C. Malcampo, RGC

Convention Chair

Save the Date Video

Evaluation Evaluation

IPCAP Secretariat