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To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

This Office informs all concerned that the Provincial Government of Bataan, through the Provincial Tourism Office, in partnership with the Bataan Peninsula Tourism Council Foundation, Inc., will conduct the *Pawikan Festival* celebration with the theme "**Pag-aalaga sa Pawikan, Tagumpay ng Kalikasan!**" at the Pawikan Conservation Center, Brgy. Nagbalayong, Morong, Bataan, on November 29, 2025.

Attached is a copy of the letter from Ms. Danica Lolita C. Tigas, PhD, OIC-Provincial Tourism Officer, together with the mechanics of the different contests, for your reference and further inquiries.


CAROLINA S. VIOLETA, EdD, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent 

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Dear *Dr. Violeta*:

Mabuhay!

Provincial Government of Bataan, through the Provincial Tourism Office, in partnership with The Bataan Peninsula Tourism Council Foundation Inc., will once again spearhead the Pawikan Festival celebration at Pawikan Conservation Center, Brgy. Nagbalayong, Morong on November 29, 2025 with the theme: "Pag – aalaga sa Pawikan, Tagumpay ng Kalikasan!" This yearly event aims to raise awareness of our commitment for the environmental protection and sustainable tourism.

In this regard, may we respectfully request for your usual support and assistance in the following activities and competitions to wit;

DATE and TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE	REQUEST
November 17 – 21	Environmental Forum	Various Elementary Schools in the province as identified by your focal persons	To coordinate with the elementary school for the venue and participation of the students
November 24: 8:00AM – 12NN: Elementary Level 1:00PM – 5:00PM : Junior High School Level November 25 8:00AM – 12NN: Senior High School Level	Pawikan Quiz Bee with the following categories Elementary Level Junior High School Level Senior High School Level	Bataan Tourism Pavillion, City of Balanga	To invite students to participate in the contest and to facilitate the Quiz Bee. Elementary: 17 participants Junior High: 33 Participants Senior High : 33 Participants
November 26 4:00PM	Creative Dance Competition	Bataan Peoples Center	To invite senior high school students near town to watch the competition
November 27 5:00PM onwards	Night Patrol	Pawikan Conservation Center	To invite students and teachers to participate in Night Patrol

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DATE and TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE	REQUEST
November 29 4:00AM - 12:00NN	Pawikan Festival Pawikan Hat making Contest Paddle Painting Contest	Pawikan Conservation Center	To invite students and teachers to participate in the Pawikan Festival To invite students to participate in the Pawikan Hat Making Contest and Paddle Painting Contest

Attached herewith are the mechanics and criteria for the said competitions and schedule of environmental forum.

For any concerns, your office may email us at tourism@bataan.gov.ph or contact us at 0917-671- 6995 and look for Ms. Grace R. Leano.

Thank you and together, let us help save the Pawikan!

Respectfully yours,


DANICA LOLITA C. PIGAS, Ph. D.
OIC - Provincial Tourism Officer



MECHANICS

PAWIKAN HAT MAKING COMPETITION

November 29, 2025

Theme: Pag-aalaga sa Pawikan, Tagumpay ng Kalikasan!

Contest Guidelines:

1. Participants will create unique and creative hats inspired by pawikan (sea turtles) to raise awareness about marine conservation and the importance of protecting these remarkable creatures.
2. The contest is open to all senior high school student. There shall be only one (1) design and one student designer per school.
3. Participants may use a variety of materials to create their hats, including but not limited to: paper, fabric, cardboard, paint, recyclable materials. All materials must be safe and non-toxic.
4. Participating student designers should be duly endorsed by their respective school principals. The endorsement shall contain the following information:
 - Full name and current grade of student designer
 - Concept for the hat design. This shall be a brief description for the idea for the hat design, which includes, but are not limited to: (1) materials to be used, (2) prominent colors to be used, and (3) other design eliminates and iconography to be featured.

The endorsement shall be submitted on or before November 14, 2025. Incomplete endorsements shall not be counted as official entries. The endorsement shall be submitted to tourism@bataan.gov.ph with the subject Pawikan Hat Making Competition 2025. Endorsements submitted after the deadline, or incomplete endorsement after the deadline shall not be considered.

5. The pawikan hat should be worn by the participating school during the Walk for a Cause on November 29, 2025 5:00 AM. Each school should have a minimum of 5 persons wearing the pawikan hat, including the student designer. The worn pawikan hat should have the same design.
6. Judging will be on November 29, 2025 during the Walk for a Cause.

Criteria for Judging

- **Creativity and Originality** - - - - - 40%
Innovative design and unique interpretation of the theme
- **Craftsmanship** - - - - - 40%
Quality of materials and construction
- **Theme representation** - - - - - 20%
How well the hat represents the theme

TOTAL	100%
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Prizes:

First Place:	P 5,000.00
Second Place:	P 3,000.00
Third Place:	P 2,000.00

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PADDLE PAINTING CONTEST 2025

MECHANICS

1. The competition is open for public and private elementary students in the province and City of Balanga. The participants will be one team per municipality composed of 2 elementary students.
2. Participants will bring certification duly signed by their school principals.
3. The on the spot competition will have a duration of 2 hours only.
4. Participants will bring their own drawing materials and latex - water based paint. The organizers will provide the paddle.
5. The general theme is : **Pag – aalaga sa Pawikan, Tagumpay ng Kalikasan!**
6. Participants will undertake an orientation before the start of the contest proper.
7. Contest will start at 8:00 AM on November 29, 2025 at the Pawikan Conservation Center, Nagbalayong, Morong.
9. **Deadline of Submission of entry/names of participants:**
 - November 14, 2025
Provincial Tourism Office, Bataan Tourism Center, Roman Super Highway, City of Balanga
Tel . Nos. 935-0364 or email : tourism@bataan.gov.ph with subject title : Participants for Paddle Painting Contest 2025
10. Cash prizes and certificates await the winners. Winning coaches will receive certificates of recognition.

Prizes:

First Place :	Php 5, 000
Second Place :	Php 3, 000
Third Place	Php 2, 000
9 Consolation Prize	Php 1, 000/participant

Criteria for Judging :

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| • Relevance to the theme | 30 points |
| • Originality | 30 points |
| • Creativity | 30 points |
| • Overall impact/ attractiveness | <u>10 points</u> |

Total of 100 points

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Schedule for Environmental Forum

DATE	NAME OF SCHOOL	TIME	CONTACT PERSON	CONTACT NUMBER
November 17	Panibatuhan Elementary School (Morong)	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM		
	Saysain Elementary School (Bagac)	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM		
November 18	San Pablo Elementary School (Dinalupihan)	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM		
	Almacen Elementary School (Hermosa) Pantalangan Bago (Orani)	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM		
November 19	Lalawigan Elem School (Samal)	8:00 AM - 10:00PM		
	Wawa Elementary School (Abucay)	11:00 PM - 12:00PM		
November 20		2:00 PM - 4:00PM		
	Tortugas Elementary School (COB)	8:00AM - 10:00AM		
	Balut Elementary School (Pilar)	11:00AM - 12:00PM		
	Capunitan Elementary School (Orion)	2:00PM - 4:00PM		
November 21	Bayview Elementary School (Mariveles)	9:00AM - 12:00PM		
	Kitang Elementary School (Limay)	1:00PM - 4:00PM		



2025 DIVISION PAWIKAN QUIZ BEE

GUIDELINES AND MECHANICS

- Participants should be bona fide students of the representing district/school, with the following school levels:
 - For elementary school category:** Each district will send (1) contestant from Grade 6 from public and private schools. 17 students will be endorsed by SDO Bataan and 11 students will be endorsed by SDO City of Balanga.
 - For junior high school category:** One (1) contestant per school from Grade 9 both from private and public high schools. 33 students will be endorsed by SDO Bataan and 10 students will be endorsed by SDO City of Balanga.
 - For senior high school category:** One (1) contestant from either Grade 11 or Grade 12, both from private and public high schools. 33 students will be endorsed by SDO Bataan and 10 students will be endorsed by SDO City of Balanga.
- The in-person quiz bee will be held on November 24, 2025 (Monday) from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM for the Elementary Level, and from 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM for Junior High School and on November 25, 2025 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM for Senior High School. The venue for this activity will be at the Bataan Tourism Pavilion, City of Balanga, Bataan.
- There will be easy, average, and difficult rounds. The scoring is as follows:

Easy: one (1) point
Average: two (2) points
Difficult: three (3) points
- The ten (10) test questions per category of the Pawikan Quiz Bee will come from the following areas:

Part I: Ecosystem
Part II: Marine Life
Part III: Pawikan
- The contestant with the highest number of correct answers will be declared the champion, the second highest will take second place, and the third highest will take third place. In case of a tie, a tie-breaker question will be provided during the clincher round.
- In case of a protest, only the official participants are allowed to raise their inquiries as early as possible during the contest, addressed to the chairperson of the Board of Judges.
- The decision of the Board of Judges is final and irrevocable.
- Submission of endorsement as the official representative of DepEd Province or DepEd City shall be emailed to tourism@bataan.gov.ph on or before November 14, 2025
- Certificates of Recognition and prizes will be awarded as follows:

First Place:	Php 5,000.00
Second Place:	Php 3,000.00
Third Place:	Php 2,000.00
Consolation Prize:	Php 1,000.00

Certificates of Participation will be given to all students and teacher-coaches.

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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

- ▶ **NOVEMBER 10**
PAWIKAN REELS COMPETITION
Behold Bataan Facebook Page
- NOVEMBER 17-21**
ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM
Provincewide
- ▶ **NOVEMBER 24-25**
PAWIKAN QUIZ BEE
Bataan Tourism Pavilion, City of Balanga
- ▶ **NOVEMBER 26**
CREATIVE DANCE COMPETITION
Bataan People's Center, City of Balanga
- NOVEMBER 27**
BALIK PAWIKAN
Municipality of Morong
- PAWIKAN NIGHT PATROL**
Pawikan Conservation Center, Brgy. Nagbalayong, Morong
Sagip Pawikan, Sida Fuerte, Brgy. Poblacion, Morong
- ▶ **NOVEMBER 29**
PAWIKAN FESTIVAL
Pawikan Conservation Center,
Brgy. Nagbalayong, Morong

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