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**Department of Education**  
REGION III  
SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF BATAAN

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**DIVISION ADVISORY**  
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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 Population and Development Office of Bataan will conduct the Division POPCOM Festival of Talent on February 18, 2026, starting at 8:00 a.m. onwards, at the Pavilion, Kagitingan Hall, Section A, B & C, Tourism, Balanga City, Bataan.

The Division Festival of Talents aims to further enhance public awareness of the population development management program of Bataan and to achieve a sustainable population level, structure, distribution and quality in order to empower Filipinos to attain a better of life within the family and the society at large.

Travel and other expenses relative to this activity shall be chargeable against the respective School MOOE/local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Division Advisory also serves as Travel Authority for the participants.

Attached is a letter from Ms. Will Ann M. Garcia, OIC Provincial Population Officer, for further details and inquiries.

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

  
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January 20, 2026

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*Thru:* **ROMEO M. LAYUG**  
Education Program Supervisor

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Dear *Dr. Violeta*,

The Festival of Talents is an annual provincial event in partnership with the Department of Education that provides a venue for students, teachers, and schools in the Province of Bataan to showcase their talents and knowledge on critical issues and advocacies of the Philippine Population and Development Program (PPDP). The overall goal of the PPDP is to improve the quality of life and enhance each Filipino's share in the benefits and opportunities of socioeconomic progress, fostering well-planned, healthy, empowered, and resilient individuals, families, and communities. One of the key contributors to this goal is ensuring that adolescents are well-informed, empowered, healthy, and responsible.

In line with this goal, the Office of the Provincial Population Officer, in partnership with the Schools Division Office of Bataan, will conduct the 2026 Bataan Festival of Talents. This event will feature the Population Quiz (POP Quiz) for Grade 10 students, the Population and Development (POPDEV) Oratorical Speech Impromptu Competition for Senior High school students and on-the-spot Poster Making Contest on February 18, 2026, at the Pavilion Kagitingan Hall Section A, B & C Tourism, Balanga City, Bataan.

The POP Quiz is exclusively for Grade 10 learners, while the POPDEV Oratorical Speech Impromptu Competition is open to Grade 11 and 12 learners. The on-the spot Poster Making Contest is for Grade 6 students. As in previous years, the mechanics for both competitions will be established by your office, while the Provincial Population Office will provide food, prizes, and Plaques of Appreciation/Recognition.

To adequately prepare your learners for this event, we will conduct an orientation on the scope of the contest and the entire Population and Development Program at selected schools willing to accommodate us. We anticipate that this orientation will require two to three hours. We assure you that this session will maximize the learning opportunities for participating schools and enhance their understanding of pressing population issues, including teenage pregnancy prevention and other adolescent health and development concerns.

We look forward to joining you on the actual day of the 2026 Festival of Talents and would like to express our gratitude for your continued support of the Population and Development Program. Thank you, and more power to all!

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
**WILL ANN M. GARCIA**  
OIC-Provincial Population Officer

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## MECHANICS AND CRITERIA FOR ORATORICAL CONTEST

1. The contest is open for all Senior High School, both public and private schools in the Division of Bataan. Each participating school will send one (1) contestant only, either Grade 11 or 12, who is currently enrolled SY 2025-2026.
2. The clothes to be worn during the contest proper must be in school uniform. The theme will be provided by the POPCOM and DEPED Bataan ahead of the actual contest.
3. The time limit for the Oratorical contest piece is typically 3-5 minutes only.
4. There will be three (3) major winners, the first, second and third place. Only the first place winner will represent the Division of Bataan in the Regional Festival of Talents.
5. The criteria for judging are:
  - A. Delivery -50% ( quality of voice, diction, pronunciation, clear and concise)
  - B. Mastery of lines are memorized – 35%
  - C. Stage presence -15% ( stage poise, gestures )

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100 %

6. The decision of the Board of Judges is final and irrevocable.

## MECHANICS AND CRITERIA FOR POSTER MAKING CONTEST (on the spot)

1. The contest is open to all elementary public and private school in the Division of Bataan. Each district will send one (1) contestant coming from Grade six (6) pupils, who is currently enrolled SY 2025-2026.
2. The participants will be given 2 and haft hours only to finish their works. The following materials will be used in the contest:
  - a. A  $\frac{1}{4}$  illustration board ( provided by the participants)
  - b. Drawing and any coloring materials ( provided by the participants)
3. There will be three Division winners, first, second and the third place.
4. The poster will be judged according to the following criteria:
  - a. Relevance to the theme- 30 points
  - b. Originality – 30 points
  - c. Creativity – 30 points
  - d. Over all impact/ attractiveness- 10 points

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100 points

5. The decision of the Board of Judges is final and irrevocable.

## List of participants in Popcom Festival of Talents

Name	School
1. Conrado Refuerzo	JEAGNHS
2. Luz Dela Vega	Mariveles NHS-Poblacion
3. Aldwin Sabran	Lamao NHS
4. Jasmin Duno	Mariveles NHS-Cabcaben
5. Gina Cruz	Luakan NHS
6. Rowena Castro	Magsaysay NHS
7. Rojomel Idquival	Hermosa NHS
8. Jesus Franco	Alikabok ES
9. Hamilton Cruz	Pulo IS
10. Reynaldo Manalo/ Vina Cunanan	-- Orani NHS ( Main)
11. Alma Sico	Bataan School of Fisheries
12. Donna May Baltazar	Orani NHS-SHS- Parang-Parang
13. Elvis Malang	Pablo Roman NHS
14. Alona Pascual	Morong NHS
15. Pia Mangahas	Limay NHS
16. All participants and teacher coach of Popquiz, Oratorical and Poster making	
17. All Judges in all contest category	

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