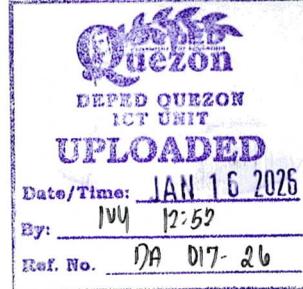




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In compliance with DepEd Order (DO) No. 8, s. 2013, this advisory is issued not for endorsement as per DO 28, s. 2001, but only for the information of DepEd officials, personnel/staff, and the concerned public.

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HAYKAPNAYAN 2026

The University of the Philippines Biochemistry Society will hold its annual BCS Week known as **Hapkapnayan 2026** on January 26 - 30, 2026 at the University of the Philippines Manila (UP Manila). The Hapkapnayan 2026 is open to high school students from both public and private schools. The activities include the National Biochemistry Quiz Bee and Likha: A SciComm Poster Making Contest

Participation of learners and teachers from both public and private schools is strictly voluntary and must not interfere with instructional time. This aligns with the provisions of DepEd Order No. 012, s. 2025, titled "Multi-Year Implementing Guidelines on the School Calendar and Activities," as well as DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005, titled "Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith." Furthermore, any off-campus activities must adhere to the guidelines specified in DepEd Order No. 66, s. 2017.

This is also subject to the no-collection policy as stated in Section 3 of RA 5546 also known as Act Prohibiting the Sale of Tickets and/or the collection of Contributions for Whatever Project or Purpose from Students and Teachers of Public and Private Schools, Colleges and Universities (Ganzon Law), and reiterated in DepEd Memorandum No.041, s. 2024.

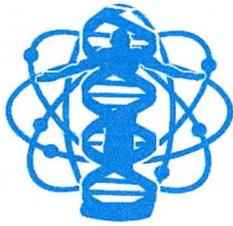
The details of the activity can be found in the attached letter from Arwenn Jermoinee Ticman – President, UP BCS AY 2025 -2026

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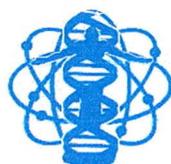


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The University of the Philippines Biochemistry Society (UPBCS) is a socio-scientific non-profit organization based at the University of the Philippines Manila College of Arts and Sciences.

We, members of the University of the Philippines Biochemistry Society, are drawn together in pursuit of academic excellence and desire to embody our principles and ideas to further the cause of science and technology in our University and in our society.

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November 11, 2025

Dear Regional and Division Offices,

Greetings!

We are the University of the Philippines Biochemistry Society, an accredited, non-profit, socio-scientific organization of the College of Arts and Sciences, University of the Philippines Manila. The organization aims to promote academic excellence by providing means to understand the application of Biochemistry for the individual and the society.

From January 26 to January 30, the UP Biochemistry Society will hold its annual **BCS Week**, known as **Haykapnayan 2026**. This event will be held at the **University of the Philippines Manila** (UP Manila).

BCS Week is an annual, week-long event organized by the University of the Philippines Biochemistry Society focused on propagating the field of Biochemistry not just to the UP Manila community, but also to the general public.

Specifically, BCS week aims to:

- (1) Showcase the different research trends and innovations in the field of chemistry and biochemistry;
- (2) Hone and develop young minds as future chemists and biochemists of the country by instilling the value of public service;
- (3) Create a sense of community and belongingness among the students of the organization.

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In view of the above, **we respectfully request the endorsement of the Department of Education in your respective regions for Haykapnayan 2026.** Your endorsement will assist us in formally inviting public and private schools to participate in accordance with DepEd policies on co-curricular and inter-school activities.

For your reference, attached below is a copy of the schedule for the whole week.

Date	Event	Venue
January 26, 2026	Opening Ceremony 9:00AM - 12:00NN	CAS Little Theatre
	Bugso: Chemazing Race 1:00PM - 5:00PM	UPM Grounds
January 27, 2026	Tatak Biochem!: A UP BS Biochemistry Research Symposium 1:00PM - 4:00PM	CAS Little Theatre
	Fund-raising Event for UPM CAS Maintenance Staff	UPM Rizal Hall Lobby
January 29, 2026	Welcoming Assembly 12:00NN - 2:00PM	CAS Little Theatre
	National Biochemistry Quiz Bee Eliminations 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	CAS Little Theatre
	Likha: A SciComm Poster Making Contest 3:00PM - 5:00PM	Gusaling Andres Bonifacio
January 30, 2026	National Biochemistry Quiz Bee Semifinals and Finals Semifinals: 8:00AM - 11:00AM Finals: 12:00NN - 3:00 PM	CAS Little Theatre
	Closing and Awarding Ceremonies 3:00PM - 5:30PM	CAS Little Theatre

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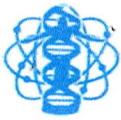
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The **National Biochemistry Quiz Bee and Likha: A SciComm Poster Making Contest** are open for **high school students in the Philippines**. Hence, your endorsement in this event will be a great help in disseminating our events.

Below is the summarized description of both events for your reference.

Event	Description
National Biochemistry Quiz Bee	The National Biochemistry Quiz Bee is a national quiz bee organized by the UP Biochemistry Society, as part of the organization's annual Biochemistry Week. It aims to heighten the knowledge in Chemistry and Biochemistry of high school students. It fosters healthy competition and interaction among students from different high schools around the nation.
Likha: A SciComm Poster Making Contest	Likha is a SciComm poster-making contest, organized by the University of the Philippines Biochemistry Society, as part of the organization's annual BCS Week. The contest aims to showcase the creative interpretations of young Filipino high school students of the contest's theme using various art techniques. In addition, this event serves as a way to explore the intersection between arts and science in the eyes of young, modern Filipinos.

We look forward to your favorable response and participation! Thank you very much.



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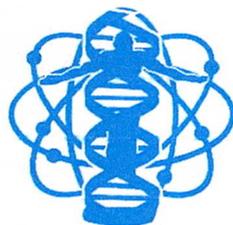
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