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In reference to the letter of University of the Philippine Los Baños, Mathematical Sciences Society, this advisory is issued for the information of all Public Schools District Supervisor, Elementary and Secondary School Heads

ONLINE SEMINAR FOR TEACHERS. SHORT FILM COMPETITION, AND DATA VISUALIZATION COMPETITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN REGION IV-A

The UPLB Mathematical Sciences Society (UPLB MASS) will conduct the **32nd Mathematical Sciences Week** with the theme: "ELEVATE: Fortifying Online Information and Data Protection Through Mathematical Sciences" on October 18-23, 2020 via online platform.

If participation in this activity from your school is deemed necessary, please be reminded of the following conditions:

1. that the Schools Division Office be informed, in writing, of participation to the said activity;
2. participation/attendance is on a voluntary basis and expenses to be incurred by the participants shall be on a personal basis or sourced from a legitimate local government unit donor; and
3. the activity is subject to the no-disruption-of-classes policy stipulated in DepEd order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance therewith.

For more information, please see attached communication.

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Office of the Regional Director

August 25, 2020

To: Schools Division Superintendents

Dear Superintendents,

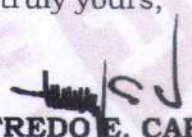
This pertains to the letter from **UPLB Mathematical Sciences Society (UPLB MASS)** informing this Office about the conduct of their **32nd Mathematical Sciences Week**, with the theme, *"ELEVATE: Fortifying Online Information and Data Protection Through Mathematical Sciences"* on October 18-23, 2020.

If participation in the above-mentioned activity of teaching and/or non-teaching personnel from your Division is deemed necessary, please be reminded of the following conditions:

1. that the Schools Division Office be informed, in writing, of participation to said activity;
2. participation/attendance is on a voluntary basis;
3. expenses to be incurred by the participants shall be on a personal basis or sourced from a legitimate local government unit donor;
4. strict observance of time-on-task policy; and
5. strict compliance to no disruption of classes policy of the Department.

Please be guided accordingly.

Very truly yours,


WILFREDO E. CABRAL
 Regional Director



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August 25, 2020

DR. WILFREDO E. CABRAL

*Regional Director, Region IV-A
Department of Education*

**RE: Endorsement for Online Seminar for Teachers, Short Film Competition,
and Data Visualization Competition to Secondary Schools in Region IV-A**

Dear Dr. Cabral:

Peace be with you!

We are the UPLB Mathematical Sciences Society (UPLB MASS), a duly recognized academic organization in the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB). In our 46 years of existence, we have been committed in fulfilling our aspirations of promoting deeper appreciation and wider application of mathematical sciences through the involvement of our university constituents and the Filipino masses.

In line with this objective, we will be holding the **32nd Mathematical Sciences Week on October 18-23, 2020**, with the theme, **"ELEVATE: Fortifying Online Information and Data Protection through Mathematical Sciences"**.

During this week, we will be conducting the following:

1. Online Seminar for Teachers

- An online seminar that will tackle fundamentals on how to sustain an online class and pertinent information regarding this year's theme.

2. Short Film Competition

- A competition open to high school students which aims to showcase the talents of young film makers as they share valuable information in an entertaining manner.

3. Data Visualization Competition

- This competition is open to high school and college students where young data scientists will present their data using appropriate data visualization tools and techniques which will allow the target audience to understand what the data shows and make decisions based on it.

4. Online Arts Contest

- An online art competition open to college students where they can express their creativity in integrating the underlying mathematical concepts on this year's theme.

5. Puzzle of the Day and Puzzle of the Week

- A daily and week-long puzzle about the fields covered by the organization which will challenge the minds of the youth to think critically and logically.

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6. Hackathon

-A software-making contest open to anyone interested and knowledgeable in programming where they can showcase their creativity and innovativeness in providing original ideas in today's digital era.

In this regard, we would like to ask your good office for the endorsement of the following events to the secondary schools in Region IV-A.

- Online Seminar for Teachers
- Short Film Contest
- Data Visualization Contest

Conventionally, we hold the Annual MATHEMATCH, a quiz contest for secondary students from Region IV, but due to the pandemic, we have deemed it unsafe to proceed with its conduct, thus adjustments were made. Annually, around 40 schools participate in the events during the Mathematical Sciences Week. This year, we would like to expand our reach and allow the participation of more schools in our events and we believe that with your help, our goal will be realized. Attached are the more detailed descriptions of the projects and the mechanics of each contest, for your reference.

We are hoping for your favorable response on this matter. Thank you very much!

Sincerely yours,

Myles Lyndon C. Angeles

Vice President for Scholastics Division

Recommending Approval:

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October 19, 2020	
10:00 A.M.	Posting of Puzzle of the Day
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8:00 P.M.	Announcement of Winner for Puzzle of the Day
October 20, 2020	
10:00 A.M.	Posting of Puzzle of the Day
12:00 P.M.	Announcement of Finalists for Online Art Contest
	Announcement of Finalists for Short Film Contest
8:00 P.M.	Announcement of Winner for Puzzle of the Day
October 21, 2020	
10:00 A.M.	Posting of Puzzle of the Day
2:00 P.M.	Announcement of Winners for Online Art Contest
	Announcement of Winners for Short Film Contest



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ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND

The UPLB Mathematical Sciences Society was established in 1973 and, since then, it has been one of the duly recognized academic organizations in the University of the Philippines Los Baños. It is comprised of BS Applied Mathematics, BS Computer Science, BS Mathematics, BS Mathematics and Science Teaching Major in Math, and BS Statistics students who are committed in upholding the goal of the society: to contribute to the development of the Filipino nation by cultivating deeper appreciation and wider application of mathematical sciences, by fostering academic excellence towards social relevance and by becoming involved with the rest of the university constituency and with the Filipino masses.

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32nd Mathematical Sciences Week

I. Schedule of Activities

October 18, 2020	
2:00 P.M.	Online Seminar for Teachers



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8:00 P.M.	Announcement of Winner for Puzzle of the Day
October 22, 2020	
10:00 A.M.	Posting of Puzzle of the Day
12:00 P.M.	Announcement of Finalists for Data Visualization Competition
8:00 P.M.	Announcement of Winner for Puzzle of the Day
October 23, 2020	
10:00 A.M.	Posting of Puzzle of the Day
2:00 P.M.	Announcement of Winners for Data Visualization Contest
	Announcement of Winners for Hackathon
8:00 P.M.	Announcement of Winner for Puzzle of the Day
	Announcement of Winner for Puzzle of the Week



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II. Online Seminar for Teachers

Teachers from any secondary school (private or public) nationwide are highly encouraged to join. This is a FREE Online Seminar that will mainly focus on the fundamentals of online classes, how to sustain it, and how to keep the class secure. The online seminar will be streamed on October 18, 2020 (Sunday) at the UPLB Mathematical Sciences Society Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/uplbmass1973>). To recognize a teacher's attendance, he/she must send screenshots of at least 3 slides from the highlighted slides of the presented PowerPoint Presentation together with his/her Name, School, and School Address to our email address (admin@uplbmass.org) or to our Facebook page. Once the participation is verified, the teacher will receive a certificate issued by the organization.

III. Short Film Contest

Students from any secondary school (private or public) nationwide are qualified to join the contest. Each school must be represented by at most one team, which will be composed of at most five students and one teacher each. A maximum of 30 teams will be allowed to join. Five finalists will be selected from the participating entries. These five entries shall be uploaded in the organization's Facebook page a day before the announcement of winners. Whoever gets the highest score among the finalists will be considered the Grand Winner.

Registration

- This is a free-of-charge contest.
- The participating team should come up with a team name. To register, they have to fill out a form. They will be required to send a certification stating that they are the official representative of their school duly signed by the principal. The duly accomplished form and the certification shall be sent to a certain email address until September 28, 2020, Monday, 11:59 PM. An acknowledgement email shall be received which signifies a successful registration.
- Only those people listed in the registration form are allowed to do the creative endeavors of the film including (but not limited to) scriptwriting, editing, musical scoring, and directing. If someone, who is not part of the team, helps in the creative endeavors of the film, the said team will be disqualified.
- Submitting the form shall mean that the team/s agree to follow the rules of the competition and the film guidelines and respect the decision of the panel of judges. It shall also mean that the organization is allowed to insert short advertisements and play the video that they will submit publicly.
- UPLB MASS reserves the right to disqualify any team that will not adhere to the given guidelines. Also, the organization reserves the right to change and amend



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the competition rules given that there's enough time to disseminate the information changes.

Contest Proper

- The video can be a short film, an animation, or a documentary.
- The film shall be related to this year's Mathematical Sciences Week theme.
- Any gadget (phone, DSLR, digital camera) can be used to shoot the film. Animation and computer graphics are also allowed.
- The film should only last for 5-10 minutes including the introduction and credits. Any lack or excess on the time shall have the appropriate deductions.
- The video can come in either English or Filipino language. The teams are encouraged to put subtitles.
- The video should not include any offensive or inappropriate language or content. The video shall be applicable for general viewership.
- The teams are encouraged to come up with an original score. However, if pre-recorded music will be used, make sure that it is properly cited to avoid any copyright issue. Hence, it is also discouraged to include switched -on televisions and radio in the background.
- The film must be in .mp4 or .avi format and in high definition.
- The film shall be submitted through a personal google drive link that will be sent to you after registration. Take note that this Google Drive link is exclusive for your team and only the one who submitted the registration form will have access to it.
- The final copy of the film should be submitted on or before October 7, 2020, 11:59 PM to give the judges an ample amount of time to critique the film.
- Only those films received on or before the deadline shall be considered official participants. Those who fail to submit their films on the said deadline will be disqualified to join the competition.
- Failure to follow the said rules may result in disqualification.
- The participating schools will be ranked by the judges according to the criteria presented.
- The judges' decision is final and irrevocable.

Criteria for Judging:

Entries will be judged using the following criteria:

Relevance to theme	-	30%
Originality	-	20%



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Creativity	-	20 %
Production or Technical Quality	-	20%
Storytelling	-	10%
Total:		100%

Prizes and Announcement of Winners

- Each participating school will receive an E-Certificate of Participation.
- Prizes for the Top five (5) teams will be as follows:

Grand Winner: E-Certificates of Recognition and PhP 5,000 cash

First Runner Up: E-Certificates of Recognition and PhP 3,000 cash

Second Runner Up: E-Certificates of Recognition and PhP 1,000 cash

Finalists: E-Certificates of Recognition and PhP 500 cash

- The winners will be announced via Facebook live on the organization's page on October 21, 2020. The Top 3 films will also be streamed.

IV. Data Visualization Competition

High school and college students (public or private) nationwide are qualified to join the competition. The competition will be divided into two categories: high school category and college category. A maximum of 25 participants or entries will be accommodated in each category. Among all the entries, top 5 entries in each category will be chosen as finalists. The top 5 entries in each category shall be posted on the organization's Facebook page a day before the announcement of winners.

Registration

- This contest is free of charge.
- Participants should register by filling out a Google forms link until October 1, 2020, 11:59 PM. They will be required to upload their ID or certification of enrollment upon registration.



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- Submitting the form shall mean that the participant agrees to follow the rules of the competition and the contest guidelines and respect the decision of the panel of judges. It shall also mean that the participant grants the organization the right to share any submitted entry that is chosen as finalist. The infographic will be credited with the details submitted by the participant.
- UPLB MASS reserves the right to disqualify any team that will not follow the said guidelines. Also, the organization reserves the right to change and amend the competition rules given that there's enough time to disseminate the information changes.

Contest Proper

- Each participant can submit one (1) entry only.
- Infographic submissions should demonstrate this year's Mathematical Sciences Week theme.
- Infographics must be submitted in English language.
- The size of the infographic should exactly be 11x17 inches.
- Entries should be submitted in PDF, PNG, or JPEG file formats in the highest possible resolution.
- An entry must be the participant's original work. It must not infringe on another person's copyright, trademark, or any intellectual property right.
- Data and information used must be properly cited.
- Entries may not contain materials that are sexually explicit, defamatory, libelous, indecent, obscene, or other inappropriate content.
- The infographics shall be submitted through a personal Google Drive link that will be sent to the participant after registration.
- The deadline of submission of entries is on October 9, 2020, 11:59PM.
- Only those entries received on or before the deadline shall be considered official participants. Those who fail to submit their entries on the said deadline will be disqualified to join the competition.
- Failure to follow the rules may result in deduction of points or disqualification.
- The infographics shall be judged based on the rubric.
- The judges' decision is final and irrevocable.

Prizes and Announcement of Winners

- Each participant will receive an E-Certificate of Participation.
- The Winner for each category will receive PhP 3,000 cash and an E-Certificate of Recognition.
- The other finalists from each category will also receive E-Certificates of Recognition and PhP 100 cash.
- The winners will be announced via Facebook Live on the organization's Facebook page on October 23, 2020.



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Criteria for Judging:

Judges will grade the infographic entries based on the following criteria:

Accuracy of Information	-	50%
Clearness & Conciseness	-	20%
Visual & Design	-	15%
Creativity	-	10%
Grammar and Spelling	-	5%

V. Online Arts Contest

Any bona fide UPLB student can participate in this contest. Only a maximum of 50 entries will be accommodated. This art contest may be online, but it is not only limited to digital arts since the entries shall be judged using a certain criteria. From the 50 entries, 15 finalists will be selected. The entries of these finalists will be posted on the organization's Facebook page a day before the announcement of winners.

Registration

- This competition is free of charge.
- Participants should register by filling out a Google Forms link until September 28, 2020, 11:59 PM. They will be required to upload their ID or certification of enrollment upon registration.
- Submitting the form shall mean that the participant agrees to follow the rules of the competition and the contest guidelines and respect the decision of the panel of judges. It shall also mean that the organization is allowed to post the artwork that they will submit publicly.
- UPLB MASS reserves the right to disqualify any participant that will not follow the said guidelines. Also, the organization reserves the right to change and amend the competition rules given that there's enough time to disseminate the information changes.



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Contest Proper

- A participant can submit at most one entry only.
- The entry shall be related to this year's Mathematical Sciences Week theme.
- The entry can be a digital art, traditional art, or a combination of the two.
- The entry shall not exceed 20 MB in size.
- The entry shall be the participant's original work.
- The entry shall not contain any copyrighted material.
- The entry shall not contain watermarks and date stamps.
- The entry shall be accompanied by a title and brief explanation. The explanation can either be in English or Filipino language and shall only be composed of a maximum of 5 sentences.
- The brief explanation must be in PDF form and must include the participant's name, student number, degree program, entry title, and the explanation itself.
- The entry (in JPEG file format) and the explanation (in PDF file format) shall be submitted through a personal Google Drive link that will be sent to you after registration. (Note: This Google Drive link is exclusive to the participant and only the email address used during the registration will have access to it.) An acknowledgement e-mail will be sent which signifies a successful entry.
- The entry shall be submitted on or before October 10, 2020, 11:59 PM.
- Only those entries received on or before the deadline shall be considered official. Those who fail to submit their entries on the said deadline will be disqualified to join the competition.
- Failure to follow the rules may result in deduction of points or disqualification.
- The entries shall be judged based on the rubric.
- The judges' decision is final and irrevocable.

Criteria for Judging:

Judges will grade the infographic entries based on the following criteria:

Relevance to the theme	-	35%
Originality	-	20%
Creativity	-	20%
Clarity	-	15%
Explanation	-	10%



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TOTAL: 100%

Prizes and Announcement of Winners

- All the participants will receive an E-Certificate of Participation.
- From the 15 finalists, there will only be three winners. The prizes for the winners will be as follows:

Grand Winner:E-Certificates of Recognition and PhP 3,000 cash

First Runner Up:E-Certificates of Recognition and PhP 2,000 cash

Second Runner Up:E-Certificates of Recognition and PhP 1,000 cash

- All the other finalists shall receive an E-Certificate of Recognition.
- The winners will be announced via Facebook live on the organization's page on October 21, 2020. The winning artworks will also be streamed.

VI. Puzzle of the Day and Puzzle of the Week

This is open for UPLB Students who are not members of the organization. Every day during the 32rd Mathematical Sciences Week, a puzzle will be posted at exactly 10:00 A.M. on the organization's Facebook page. To spice things up, a difficult puzzle will also be posted on the first day of the Mathematical Sciences Week. The well-screened puzzles will come from certain topics under Computer Science, Mathematics, and Statistics. Winners for the Puzzle of the Day will be announced at 8:00 P.M. during the same day, whereas the winner for the Puzzle of the Week will be announced on October 23, 2020.

General Guidelines

- The posts for each Puzzle shall include a Google Form link for students who wish to participate. The form includes:
 - Participant's Name
 - Participant's Contact Information
 - The Puzzle
 - A space for the participant's answer
- The winner shall be randomly chosen from the people who have obtained the correct answer within the given time period.
- The organization shall post the winner, alongside the solution to the puzzle at exactly 8:00 P.M. on the same day the Puzzle of the Day was posted. The winner for the Puzzle of the Week will be announced on October 23, 2020.



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- Prizes will be PhP 100 worth of load for the Puzzle of the Day and PhP 500 cash for the puzzle of the week.

VII. Hackathon

A hackathon is a programming competition or a coding challenge for aspiring developers to solve a given problem. The goal of a hackathon is to solve a problem over the course of the event and create a fully functioning usable software by the end of the event. Anyone aged 16-25 can join this competition. In order to participate, a team must have a maximum of three members and a minimum of one member. A participant must be a part of one team only. A maximum of eight teams are allowed to register. Among the eight teams, only one team will be considered the grand winner.

Registration

- This competition is free of charge.
- Registration forms shall be publicized on the registration period which will take place from October 5, 2020 to October 7, 2020.
- Submitting the form shall mean that the participant agrees to follow the rules of the competition and the contest guidelines and respect the decision of the panel of judges.
- UPLB MASS reserves the right to disqualify any team that will not follow the said guidelines. The organization also reserves the right to change and amend the competition rules given that there's enough time to disseminate the information changes.

Contest Proper

- The software made must be related to this year's Mathematical Science Week theme.
- Participants must submit the following on or before the deadline:
 - ESSAY: the document explains the idea behind the software and must also include the features of it. The essay should follow the format:
 - Paper size: Letter
 - Font style: Times New Roman
 - Font size: 12
 - Spacing: 1.5
 - Alignment: Justified
 - Margin: 1-inch on all sides
 - Maximum of 1,000 words



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- VIDEO: the length of the video must be 5-8 minutes only and must show the different aspects of the software made
- NECESSARY FILES: necessary files must include the code and the design used to completely run the software and should be compiled in a .zip file
- The required files shall be submitted through a personal Google Drive link that will be sent to the participant after registration.
- All of the required files should be submitted on or before October 15, 2020, 11:59 PM.
- Only those entries received on or before the deadline shall be considered official participants. Those who fail to submit their entries on the said deadline will be disqualified to join the competition.
- Failure to follow the rules may result in deduction of points or disqualification.
- The software made will be judged based on the rubric.
- The judges' decision is final and irrevocable.

Criteria for Judging:

Teams will be judged on these three criteria. The weight of each criteria will be as follows:

Design	-	30%
Technology	-	40%
Completion	-	30%
TOTAL:		100%

Prizes and Announcement of Winners

- All participating teams will receive E-Certificates of participation.
- There will be a grand winner who will receive PhP 5,000 cash and an E-Certificate of Recognition. Special awards will also be given. Special awardees will receive computer accessories.
- The winners will be announced *via* Facebook live on the organization's page on October 23, 2020.