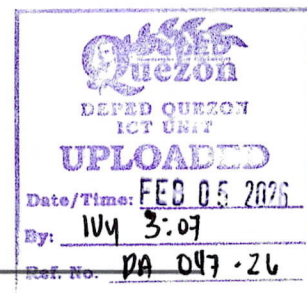




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SCHOOLS DIVISION OF QUEZON PROVINCE



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In compliance with DepEd Order (DO) No. 8, s. 2023, this advisory is issued 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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THE PLASTIC BANK SCHOOLS PROGRAM

The Plastic Bank Philippines, a social enterprise founded in 2013 that builds community-based recycling systems in developing countries, invites the schools and learning centers to join their Plastic Bank Schools Program, a practical and trackable school-based plastic recovery initiative that encourages environmental responsibility through a structured collection system and verified reporting.

Please be informed that participation to the said activity should be **voluntary**, and related cost which may be incurred by the participants shall be on **personal expense or sourced from a legitimate local government unit donor**. Participants are also reminded to strictly observe **Time-On-Task Policy**, and strict compliance to **No Disruption of Classes Policy of the Department** as stipulated in **DepEd Order No. 09, s. 2005**.

Please be guided accordingly.

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Dear Sir Rommel,

Good day!

On behalf of **Plastic Bank**, we respectfully seek the endorsement of your **Schools Division Office** for the implementation of the **Plastic Bank Schools Program**, supported by the **ZUG–SIG Project**, in selected public and/or private schools within your Division.

The Plastic Bank Schools Program is a practical and trackable school-based plastic recovery initiative that encourages environmental responsibility through a structured collection system and verified reporting. It is designed to integrate smoothly into existing school operations and can complement ongoing school initiatives on environmental education and proper waste management.

The program enables participating schools to:

- **Engage learners, teachers, and personnel** in a structured, gamified recycling experience that encourages participation and environmental leadership
- **Provide Digital Rewards** to participants for verified plastic collections (as applicable under program mechanics)
- **Generate formal recognition**, including digital certificates and documented results for verified plastic recovery and sustainability efforts
- **Recognize and support key school personnel**, particularly janitors and/or designated waste champions, whose role in proper waste management is strengthened through clear responsibilities and acknowledgment
- **Extend environmental awareness beyond the campus**, influencing households and the wider community through learner participation

The **ZUG–SIG Project** is a collaboration supported by **ZUG (Zukunft – Umwelt – Gesellschaft)**, a German government–owned, non-profit project management agency established by Germany’s Federal Ministry for the Environment. ZUG is mandated to implement and supervise environmental and climate-related programs, including international initiatives on waste reduction and marine litter. ZUG partners with **SIG**, a global packaging solutions company, to support projects that help ensure recyclable materials are properly recovered and recycled. Through this collaboration, the project works across Southeast Asia to reduce plastic



waste and promote responsible recycling by supporting schools, communities, and institutions with incentive-based waste recovery systems.

In line with this, we respectfully request the assistance of the Schools Division Office through the following:

1. **Issuance of a Division endorsement** (e.g., Division Memorandum/Advisory) encouraging interested schools to participate in the Plastic Bank Schools Program supported by the ZUG–SIG Project;
2. **Designation of a Division focal person** to coordinate with Plastic Bank for orientation, implementation timelines, and school-level coordination; and
3. **Permission to conduct a short orientation** (virtual or in-person, as feasible) for school heads and/or designated coordinators to explain the mechanics, roles, reporting, and verification process.

We would be grateful for the opportunity to discuss this initiative further through a short **15-minute virtual meeting or call**, at your convenience, to present the implementation flow and proposed rollout for your **Schools Division Office**.

Thank you for your continued commitment to education and environmental stewardship. We look forward to the possibility of partnering with your **Schools Division Office** in advancing responsible plastic waste management through meaningful school participation. For confirmation or inquiries, you may contact me at **0976-043-5470** or **paulorpiada@plasticbank.com**.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul", with a large, stylized flourish underneath.

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