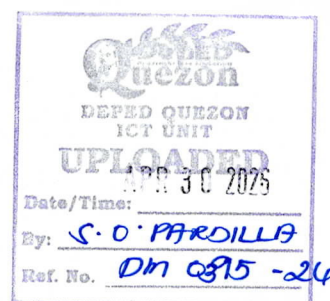




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30 April 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 0395, s. 2026

INVITATION TO THE AHR-SEA SYMPOSIUM ON ANTHELMINTIC RESISTANCE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Division Chiefs
Section Heads
Public Schools District Supervisors
Concerned Elementary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. The College of Arts and Sciences – Institute of Biological Sciences of the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) has extended an invitation to the DepEd Quezon to participate in the AHR-SEA Symposium entitled “**Anthelmintic Resistance in Southeast Asia (AHR-SEA): Implications for Control and Elimination of Intestinal Helminths.**” This initiative addresses intestinal helminthiasis as a major public health concern in Southeast Asia and the emerging threat of anthelmintic resistance.
2. The symposium will be conducted on **June 17, 2026**, from 8:00 a.m. onwards, at the St. Jude Cooperative Hotel and Event Center, Tayabas City.
3. The activity aims to:
 - Discuss current challenges and implications of anthelmintic resistance in Southeast Asia;
 - Support control and elimination efforts of intestinal helminths; and
 - Strengthen collaboration between the education and health sectors for effective program implementation.
4. This symposium will serve as the **official kickoff** of the partnership under the AHR-SEA project. In line with this, the following activities are scheduled:
 - June 2026 – Community Visits

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- July 2026 – Baseline Sample Collection
5. Participants in this activity are selected School Heads who will be involved in the implementation of the project and related health initiatives in schools. Please see the attached enclosure for reference.
 6. Travel and incidental expenses relative to this activity shall be charged against School MOOE or local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
 7. For reference and guidance, please see the attached letter from UPLB.
 8. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are highly desired.

ROMMEL C. BAUTISTA, CESO V
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[Enclosure to DM No. 0315s. 2026]

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Name of Schools	Name of Participants
Bagong Silang Elementary School Buenavista District	REYGAN LAZO Principal I
San Vicente Elementary School Buenavista District	JHONALIZA S. OBNAMIA Head Teacher II
Bacong Ilaya Elementary School General Luna District	ARZEL JOHN Q. RUEDAS Principal I
San Isidro Elementary School General Luna District	AURELIO L. MIRANDO IV Principal II
Olongtao Ibaba Elementary School Macalelon District	JENNY R. SISTER Principal I
Calantas Elementary School Macalelon District	CECILIO MORELO Principal I
Amontay Elementary School Pitogo District	KARREN P. VILLAPANDO Principal I
Gangahin Elementary School Pitogo District	SHERRE ANN C. TOPACIO Principal I

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23 April 2026

DR. ROMMEL C. BAUTISTA, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent
Department of Education - Schools Division Office of Quezon
Sitio Fori, Brgy. Talipan, Pagbilao, Quezon Province

Dear **DR. BAUTISTA:**

Intestinal helminthiasis remains a major public health issue in Southeast Asia. While the World Health Organization aims for elimination by 2030, rising anthelmintic resistance poses a significant threat. The project, "Anthelmintic Resistance in Southeast Asia (AHR-SEA): Implications for Control and Elimination of Intestinal Helminths," seeks to investigate these challenges to ensure the continued success of local public health programs.

In line with this, we are honored to invite you and your good office to the **AHR-SEA Symposium this 17 June 2026 at the St. Jude Cooperative Hotel and Event Center, City of Tayabas**. We would be deeply grateful if you could deliver a short message during the opening program. Attached in this letter is the draft program of activities.

This symposium will mark the **official kickoff** of our partnership in the AHR-SEA project. To ensure our work is well-coordinated with your local health and education sectors, we have outlined our proposed schedule below:

- June 2026 - Community Visits
- July 2026 - Baseline Sample Collection

Additionally, we kindly request your assistance in inviting relevant school authorities to the symposium and informing them of these activities. Attached is a letter template addressed to the chosen schools for your reference.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact **Rosanna D. Laguidao (Project Technical Assistant V)** at 09071458995 or through email at rdlaguidao@up.edu.ph.

Thank you very much, and we hope for your favorable consideration.

Respectfully yours,


YACHAY GAY V. PALLER
Professor and Project Leader

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Anthelmintic Resistance in Southeast Asia
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AHR-SEA SYMPOSIUM

Anthelmintic Resistance in Southeast Asia - Project Launching

17 JUNE 2026 | 8:00 AM – 12:00 AM

St. Jude Cooperative Hotel and Event Center | Brgy. Isabang, Tayabas, Quezon Province

ACTIVITY

Opening Remarks	Jose V. Camacho, DEc Chancellor University of the Philippines Los Baños
Welcome Remarks	Angelina DL. Tan, MD, MBAH Governor Provincial Local Government Unit Quezon Province
Special Messages	Leah J. Buendia, PhD OIC of the Office of the Executive Director Philippine Council for Health Research and Development Department of Science and Technology Voltaire S. Guadalupe, MD, MPH, MAHP5 OIC - Director IV CALABARZON Center for Health Development Rommel C. Baustista, CESO V Schools Division Superintendent Department of Education - Schools Division Office of <i>Quezon</i> Kristin Mao-Jean M. Villaseñor, RMT, MD, MPM Provincial Health Officer II Quezon Province

**Intestinal Helminthiasis in the Philippines: Current
Landscape and Emerging Challenges**
Vicente Y. Belizario, Jr., MD, MTM&H
Adjunct Research Faculty, National Institutes of Health, UP Manila

The AHR-SEA Project: Purpose, Vision, and Relevance
Prof. Vachel Gay V. Paller, DSc
Project Leader & Professor
Institute of Biological Sciences, CAS, UP Los Baños

**Strengthening Collaboration: An Introduction to the
Protocol of the AHR-SEA Project**
Asst. Prof. Allen Jethro I. Alonte
Institute of Biological Sciences, CAS, UP Los Baños

**Open Forum
Photo Opportunity**

Ceremonial MOA Signing

Master of Ceremonies
Allen Jethro I. Alonte, RMT, MSc

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