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**44<sup>th</sup> KARIBOK ANG TUKTOK (KAT) 2025**

The University of the Philippines Batangan (UP Batangan), a duly-recognized organization of Batangueño students in UP Diliman, will be conducting the 44th installation of Karibok Ang Tuktok (KAT), the premier academic inter-school competitions.

The activity aims to foster academic excellence, socio-civic awareness, and Batangueño pride through different competitions.

The target participants for this activity are all junior and senior high school students.

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## Endorsement Request: Karibok ang Tuktok 2025

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Dear Dr. Marites A. Ibañez,

Mabuhay! I am Katherine R. Abando, the Project Director of **Karibok ang Tuktok (KAT) 2025**, a program spearheaded by the **University of the Philippines Batangan**. This event is an inter-school competition for Junior High School and Senior High School students across Batangas. With the theme "Walang Kasarian ang Barako: Pagpapakatotoo sa Identidad ang Sukatan ng Tapang at Dignidad," KAT 2025 seeks to encourage Batangueño youth to pursue knowledge, broaden their perspectives, and advocate for equality.

On behalf of UP Batangan, I respectfully request the **endorsement of the Department of Education** to help increase participation in this academic event. Last year, KAT 2024 gathered 624 students who actively engaged in various competitions, and through your office's support, we hope to further expand our reach and impact.

A physical copy of our formal endorsement request letter was sent to your office last Monday, September 15, 2025. For your convenience, we are also providing the soft copy along with the event primer (guidebook) and concept paper as attachments to this email.

We look forward to your positive response. Thank you very much!

Endorsement Letter - SDO Batangas Province.pdf

KAT 2025 Concept Paper.pdf

KAT 2025 Primer.pdf

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# KARIBOK ANG TUKTOK

2025



September 15, 2025

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Mabuhay, Dr. Ibañez!

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We are the **University of the Philippines Batangan (UP Batangan)**, a duly-recognized organization of Batangueño students in UP Diliman. In its 50th year, UP Batangan continues in dedicating its effort to foster socio-civic and provincial programs, and engage in academic excellence and welfare through different initiatives all for the benefit of our fellow Batangueños, the UP Diliman community, and the Filipino people.

In line with our mission, **UP Batangan will be conducting the 44th installation of Karibok Ang Tuktok (KAT)**, the most-awaited premier academic inter-school competitions for junior and senior high school students from different parts of Batangas. **The competition, which will be held from November 15-16 in a school venue within the province, has six individual events:** Essay Writing, Pagsulat ng Sanaysay, Impromptu Speaking, Dagliang Talumpati, Poster Making, and Photo Essay; and three major group events: Quiz Bee, Short Filmmaking Competition, and Jingle Competition.



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For 43 years, Karibok ang Tuktok has always been one of UP Batangan's most noteworthy events because it provides an avenue for the Batangueño youth to demonstrate their excellence in academics. Last year, in the 43rd edition of Karibok ang Tuktok, there were a total of 638 individual participants from 26 different schools. As our organization aims to always provide a greater service for the wider Batangueño community, **we are humbly asking for an ENDORSEMENT from your good office so that we can expect a wider delegation of participants from the various schools in our province.** In the 38th and 40th installation of Karibok ang Tuktok, we received an endorsement from the Department of Education encouraging more Batangueño youth to engage in intellectual events. To have Karibok ang Tuktok be supported by DepEd again will be an honor as we have always been with you in pursuing your mission to develop life-long learners.

The softcopy of the primer and concept paper for Karibok ang Tuktok is sent to your email.

We are looking forward to hearing a positive response. For inquiries, you may ultimately reach us via email at [batangan.upd@gmail.com](mailto:batangan.upd@gmail.com) or [edres.batangan48@gmail.com](mailto:edres.batangan48@gmail.com). Thank you very much!

Respectfully yours,

  
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*"Walang Kasarian ang Barako: Pagpapakatotoo sa  
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CONCEPT PAPER



# CONCEPT PAPER



*Karibok ang Tuktok (KAT) 2025* is an academic competition organized by the University of the Philippines Batangan. Composed of contests such as quiz bee, essay writing, impromptu speaking, poster making, photo essay, and short filmmaking, this competition aims to promote the academic excellence of the students of the province of Batangas. **With the theme “*Walang Kasarian ang Barako: Pagpapakatotoo sa Identidad ay Sukatan ng Tapang at Dignidad*,” KAT is celebrating its 44th year and advancing gender equality for social and economic development through the participation of youth in breaking gender barriers, stereotypes, and biases.**

In a patriarchal society, a system that unfairly privileges men, the women and LGBTQ+ community are often marginalized. A set of expectations are formed, enclosing women inside a box that impose a limited number of roles they can perform. In the World Economic Forum’s (WEF) 2025 Global Gender Gap Report, the country’s efforts to eliminate gender barriers were manifested as it reclaimed a spot in the global top 20, reflecting the increasing work opportunities and participation for women (Philippine Commission on Women, 2025). While this is a good indicator of how the gender culture in the society has progressed, the LGBTQ+ community remains neglected, with the SOGIE bill once again sidelined (Catequista, 2025). Discrimination, bullying, and harassment are consistently experienced by LGBTQ+ individuals in cultural contexts where all genders other than men are othered and oppressed. A society that fails to show inclusivity poses a threat to the freedom to express and self-identify. With youth participation and their capacity to create a positive impact, gender equality becomes a hopeful possibility.

The role of *Karibok ang Tuktok*, as an event that gathers youth to foster knowledge development and broaden perspectives, becomes even more significant when pressing issues such as social justice is concerned. It provides an opportunity to motivate many young people to get involved in transforming the gender ideologies that perpetuate gender disparities in economic, educational, political, and health spheres. By strengthening voices and empowering youth to challenge gender-based discrimination, a community rooted in equality is shaped. This aligns with the gender equality agenda of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that seeks to recognize the rights of all individuals regardless of gender and unlock their full potential in forwarding national growth. Without the stereotypes and biases, everyone can be given equal opportunities for leadership and decision-making roles, allowing higher representation and participation in political positions—an essential for high levels of inclusion where respect, dignity, and safety are rightfully upheld.

Leadership, economic empowerment, and action on ending violence are the pillars of the Youth and Gender Equality Strategy, a solution carried out through the collaboration of young men and women (United Nations, 2025). The way youth assert their role and power in changing the traditional gender narratives from being restrictive to liberating is only one way they can reduce the gender gap. By fostering a new culture free from discrimination, the world can move further into resolving poverty, inequality, and violence while creating a safe and supportive environment where young people have the freedom to express themselves and are equally respected.



The actions and efforts done today shape the reality of young people's future. Engaging them on gender issues across all aspects empowers them to reconstruct a more progressive society where rights are recognized and upheld. Through *KAT 2025*, a platform is born where youth unite to advocate for gender equality and empowerment, bringing the goal towards sustainable development closer to reality.

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*"Walang Kasarian ang Barako: Pagpapakatotoo sa  
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# 2025 Karibok ang Tuktok

THE OFFICIAL GUIDEBOOK



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## About UP Batangan

The **University of the Philippines Batangan** is a duly recognized organization in the University of the Philippines Diliman composed of Batangueño students who have been responding to the call of service to the province, the university, and the country since 1976. Now, in its 50th year, we continue to promote our legacy by sponsoring academic and socio-civic programs and supporting causes in line with our values as an organization.

### Notable awards

- 1.NCR Area Finalist (2009) in the 7th Search for the Ten Accomplished Youth Organizations (TAYO 7) by the National Youth Commission
- 2.The first and only provincial organization in UP Diliman to receive the Gawad Tsanselor Award for Most Outstanding Student Organization in 2002
- 3.Gawad Dekada Award (2016) by the Philippine Children's Medical Center
- 4.Gawad Mapagbigay Award (2017) by the Philippine Children's Medical Center
- 5.Ignacio B. Gimenez Award (2021) for Student Organizations' Social Innovations Projects Award Nominee (for Ambag 2020: Blood Donation Drive)
- 6.Ignacio B. Gimenez Award (2022) for Student Organizations' Social Innovations Projects Special Citation (Aruga Are 2021)
- 7.Ignacio B. Gimenez Award (2023) for Student Organizations' Social Innovation Projects Recipient (Aruga Are 2023)

## About KAT 2025

**Karibok ang Tuktok (KAT)** is the most-awaited premier academic inter-school competition organized by the University of the Philippines Batangan for students hailing from Batangas. This event will once again provide an avenue to promote and harness the academic excellence of junior and senior high school students from different parts of the province.

UP Batangan remains firm in its mission this year to involve the Batangueño youth in eradicating gender stereotypes and biases to achieve social and economic development, supporting the **gender equality agenda of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** through its various competitions such as essay writing, poster making, photo essay, quiz bee, impromptu speaking, and filmmaking competition.



## Message from the Chairperson

Sa bawat taon ng *Karibok ang Tuktok*, dala-dala natin hindi lamang ang kasaysayan ng kompetisyon kundi pati na rin ang mga bagong ideyang humuhubog sa ating pagkatao. Isa akong saksi sa mahabang tradisyon ng pagtitipon na ito, isang tradisyon na hindi lamang naglalayong ipakita ang talino, galing, at talento ng mga kabataan, kundi pati na rin ang pagbubuo ng isang komunidad na nakabatay sa respeto, pagkakapantay-pantay, at pagkakaunawaan. Ngayong ika-44 na taon ng ating pagtitipon, bitbit natin ang temang, *“Walang Kasarian ang Barako: Pagpapakatotoo sa Identidad ay Sukatan ng Tapang at Dignidad.”*

Madalas nating marinig na ang pagiging barako ay nakatali sa kasarian, na ito’y panlabas na anyo o katauhan. Ngunit sa bawat hakbang ng ating laban, natutunan nating higit pa rito ang tunay na kahulugan ng pagiging matapang. Ang pagiging barako ay nasusukat sa kakayahan nating yakapin ang ating identidad, magpakatotoo sa sarili, at panindigan ang dignidad na hindi kailanman mabubura ng mga pamantayang itinakda ng lipunan.

Ang *Karibok ang Tuktok* ay hindi lamang entablado ng talento at husay, kundi isang ligtas na espasyo kung saan ating isinusulong ang respeto, pagkakapantay-pantay, at pagkilala sa dignidad ng bawat isa. Sa bawat hakbang ng laban na ito, nawa’y magsilbing paalala ang ating tema na ang pagiging “barako” ay nakaugat hindi sa anyo, kundi sa tapang na magpakatotoo at sa dignidad na magpakatatag.

Sa lahat ng kalahok, ipamalas ninyo ang inyong galing at ipagmalaki ang inyong identidad. Sa mga guro, ang inyong gabay at inspirasyon ang nagsisilbing haligi ng tagumpay. **Sama-sama nating ipakita na ang tunay na sukatan ng barako ay hindi sa anyo, kundi sa ating tapang at dignidad.**

**Sa tapang at dignidad,**



**Francheska Keira D. Comia**

UP Batangan Chairperson