

Advisory No. 018, s. 2026

January 27, 2026

In compliance with DepEd Order (DO) No. 8, s. 2013
this advisory is issued not for endorsement per DO 28, s. 2001,
but only for the information of DepEd officials,
personnel/staff, as well as the concerned public.
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INVITATION TO YOUTH TURN 2026

With reference to the invitation to participate in the activity by
PHILOBIOSCIENTIA titled "YOUTH TURN 2026," attached is a copy of a letter from
President, Archie B. Ferrera, containing the details of the activity.

Participation of learners and teachers from public and private schools shall
be purely voluntary and will not hamper instructional time in compliance with the
provisions of DepEd Order (DO) No. 022, s. 2023 titled Implementing Guidelines on
the School Calendar and Activities for the School Year 2023–2024 and DO 9, s.
2005 titled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring
Compliance Therewith and the policy on off-campus activities stated in DO 66, s.
2017.

For the information and guidance of all concerned.



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Greetings of Peace!

We are PHILOBIOSCIENTIA, The UPLB Life Sciences Society, also known as Phileos, a duly recognized academic organization at the University of the Philippines Los Baños since 1984. Our organization aims to continuously uphold its commitment to promoting academic excellence, public service, and the welfare of its members through a wide range of impactful projects and events. As an organization rooted in the biological sciences, we strive to maximize our platform to become prime movers in collecting, disseminating, and updating basic knowledge in biology.

The organization is proud to be holding one of its flagship events, the first face-to-face installment of **YOUTH TURN 2026: Student Leaders in Action Towards Responsible Consumption and Production (SDG #12)** on **February 28, 2026** at the **MPH1, University of the Philippines Los Baños**. This educational event is dedicated to mobilizing the youth such as **Public and Private High School Student Councils and SDG-related Student Organization Members** of the chosen institutions nationwide, to strengthen their leadership capabilities and advocate for sustainable practices beyond single-use plastics in their campuses and communities.

We are very pleased to invite you as our **Official Major Endorser** by issuing a memorandum endorsing YOUTH Turn 2026. Your **ENDORSEMENT** will ensure the wide-reaching participation of student leaders and the effective dissemination of event information.



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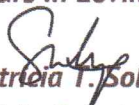
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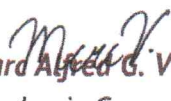
Moreover, Youth Turn 2026 will include the following core activities:

- **Turn It Around: Educational Discussion Series:** This segment will feature insightful talks from invited speakers on sustainability within the Philippine context. It will also include open forums and focus group discussions with participating schools to encourage meaningful dialogue and knowledge exchange among student leaders. *Note that this will be culminated in the awarding ceremony.*
- **Turn It Forward: Project Pitch Competition:** This competition will provide public and private high school student leaders with a platform to present their innovative ideas and initiatives that promote responsible consumption and production (SDG #12). It aims to nurture creativity, collaboration, and advocacy among the youth as they develop sustainable solutions within their communities. *This includes a registration fee of PHP2,500 and activity shirts. Winners of the competition will receive a competition plaque, medals, cash prizes up to PHP3000, official YT26 merchandise, and a certificate of participation for all. Note that the final pre-recorded 5-8 minute video pitch and short write-up shall be submitted online on February 16, 2026 and only the awarding ceremony will be done face-to-face. See attached primer for the mechanics.*

Should you have any concerns, kindly contact us through our email.

Yours In Loving Life and Knowledge,


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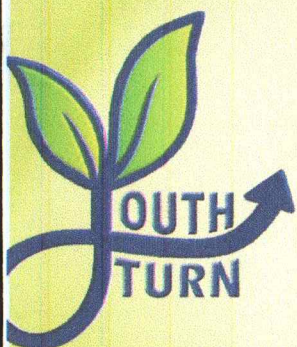


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For 41 years, PHILOBIOSCIENTIA, The UPLB Life Sciences Society, also known as **Phileos**, has been a duly recognized, constituted academic organization in the University of the Philippines Los Baños. Since 1984, PHILOBIOSCIENTIA has continuously promoted academic excellence, public service, and the welfare of its members through various projects and events. Phileos serves as a rallying point for lifelong learners taking **BS Biology** and **BS Mathematics and Science Teaching** courses in UPLB. At present, Phileos has amassed an ever-growing family of over 800 members and alumni, including eminent scientists, leaders, physicians, and professionals from all over the world and across generations.

FEBRUARY 28, 2026

Platinum Awardee of the Seal of Youth Governance in 2021, Phileos seeks to sustain its uniqueness in uniting UPLB scholars in leadership and engagement, student empowerment among areas and virtues, and raise

and initiate conversations on timely and relevant issues through events that we hold including educational discussions, advocacy campaigns, exhibit weeks, and webinar series with **YOUTH Turn** and **Linggo (P)ara sa Guro**. We also have an official newsletter called **Perspicientia**, which strives to fulfill its mission of amplifying voices using scientific perspectives.



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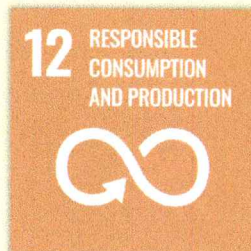
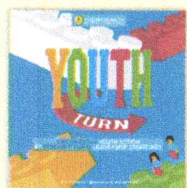


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In April 2022, PHILOBIOSCIENTIA successfully held one of its flagship events, Youth Turn 2022: Strengthening Youth Involvement in Reinforcing Climate Action. The event aimed to expand youth engagement in conversations and actions against the growing threat of climate change. Building on the success of the event, the organization is proud to be holding one of its flagship events, the first face-to-face installment of YOUTH TURN 2026: Student Leaders in Action Towards Responsible Consumption and Production (SDG #12) on February 28, 2026 at the University of the Philippines Los Baños. This educational event is dedicated to mobilizing the youth such as Public and Private High School Student Councils, Student Organization Members, and Youth for Environment in Schools - Organization (YES-O) Officers of the chosen institutions nationwide, to strengthen their leadership capabilities and advocate for sustainable practices beyond single-use plastics in their campuses and communities.



TURN IT AROUND: EDUCATIONAL DISCUSSION SERIES

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TURN IT FORWARD: PROJECT PITCH COMPETITION

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TURN IT FORWARD: PROJECT PITCH COMPETITION MECHANICS



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CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

Component	Weight	Key Points
Problem-Solution Fit	40%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The urgency of the problem is well illustrated with a well designed and appropriate solution.
Innovativeness	30%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The solution is unique, novel, and revolutionary.Solution brings a never seen before concept to the table
Project Viability	20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The project is doable based on the available resources and proposed budget outline.
Presentation Clarity	10%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The presentation is clear, concise, straight to the point, well-structured, and complies with the 5-8 minute requirement.
Total		100%



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As a student-led organization, PHILOBIOSCIENTIA continues to carry out its advocacy projects through collective effort and community support. In this light, we would also like to share that our donation channels are open to anyone who wishes to contribute to the success of Youth Turn 2026.

Any amount, big or small, will go a long way in helping us provide learning materials, logistical support, and tokens for our youth participants. **You may refer to the donation channels below:**

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Thank you for taking the time to read this invitation and for your continued support of initiatives that empower the youth. We truly hope you can join us in making Youth Turn 2026 a success.



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