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**INVITATION TO PHILIPPINE FORESTRY YOUTH SUMMIT 2026**

With reference to the invitation to participate in the activity by Association of Filipino Forestry Students – University of the Philippines Los Baños, Inc. titled “Philippine Forestry Youth Summit 2026,” attached is a copy of a letter from External and Institutional Affairs Committee Head, Hans F. Fetilo, 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.



PHILIPPINE  
FORESTRY YOUTH  
SUMMIT  
2026

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Subject: Request for Endorsement for the Philippine Forestry Youth Summit (PFYS) 2026

Greetings of environmental stewardship!

The Association of Filipino Forestry Students – University of the Philippines Los Baños, Inc. (AFFS-UPLB, Inc.) is a duly recognized academic-environmental organization in UPLB and a local committee member of the **International Forestry Students' Association**. The organization advocates humanitarian service, promotes environmental awareness, and aims for academic excellence.

In celebration of the 2026 International Day of Forests, AFFS-UPLB will be holding its flagship event, the **Philippine Forestry Youth Summit (PFYS) 2026**, a three-day interactive event for high school, undergraduate, and graduate students across the Philippines with an interest in forestry, the environment, and sustainable development. The summit will take place on **March 21–23, 2026**, at the **University of the Philippines Los Baños** and is anchored on the theme, “**YABONG: Empowering Philippine Forests as Engines of a Green and Inclusive Economy**.” Through this event, the summit aims to deepen youth understanding of forests and forestry as both vital ecosystems and key drivers of resilient and inclusive economies.

One of the major events of PFYS 2026 is the **Forest Science Youth Challenge**, which will be held on the first day of the summit, **March 21, 2026**. This event is designed to engage **Junior High School** and **Senior High School** students through the **Forestry Fundamentals Quiz Contest** and the **Forest Science Research Conference**, along with four (4) additional competitive sub-events open to student participation, namely: *Essay Writing Competition, Poster Making Competition, Environmental Documentary Competition, and Student Debate*.

In this regard, we **respectfully seek the support of your esteemed office through the issuance of an official memorandum endorsing PFYS 2026: Forest Science Youth Challenge and encouraging the participation of students from high schools under your jurisdiction**. Such an endorsement will significantly enhance the visibility of the event and foster wider student engagement in forestry and environmental sciences.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us via email at [hffetilo@up.edu.ph](mailto:hffetilo@up.edu.ph) or [pfys.affs@gmail.com](mailto:pfys.affs@gmail.com). Thank you.

For the forests and the future,

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