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In compliance with DepEd Order (DO) No. 8, s. 2013
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**VIVA EXCON AKLAN 2025 – THE VISAYAS ISLANDS VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION
AND CONFERENCE**

The Viva ExCon Organization Inc., in partnership with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, the Provincial Government of Aklan, the Local Government of Kalibo, the Kalibo Council for Culture and the Arts, and the Aklan Historical and Cultural Society Inc., will hold Viva ExCon Aklan 2025 – The Visayas Islands Visual Arts Exhibition and Conference, at the Marzon Convention Center, Kalibo, Aklan, on November 21–23, 2025.

This biennial event is the longest-running artist-led contemporary art initiative in the Philippines. With the theme, *Sadsad, Panaad*, it reflects the dynamic intersections of movement, devotion, and creativity deeply rooted in Visayan culture.

The event will feature the following activities, aiming to highlight regional and national artistic talent while offering meaningful learning opportunities for learners and educators, fostering appreciation for and understanding of Philippine arts and heritage:

- Visual arts exhibitions;
- Art and culture conferences;
- Workshops and artist talks; and
- Interactive and immersive cultural experiences.

Artists, learners, educators, cultural workers, and art communities from across the Visayas, as well as from public and private schools nationwide, especially within the Province of Aklan, are invited to participate in this event.

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. 012, s. 2025, titled Multi-Year Implementing Guidelines on the School Calendar and Activities 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.

This is also subject to the no-collection policy as stated in Section 3 of Republic Act No. 5546 also known as An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Tickets and/or the Collection of Contributions for Whatever Project or Purpose from Students and Teachers of Public and Private Schools, Colleges and Universities (Ganzon Law), issued in DO 19, s. 2008, and reiterated in DepEd Memorandum No. 041, s. 2024.

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