



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VII - CENTRAL VISAYAS
DIVISION OF CITY SCHOOLS - TAGBILARAN CITY

Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent

September 22, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 790, s. 2026

ADVISORY ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOL-BASED DEBATE ORGANIZATIONS

To: Chief, CID and SGOD
All Public and Private Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. The School Governance and Operations Division (SGOD), in collaboration with the *Liga ng mga Debatistang Kabataang Bol-anon*, encourages all secondary schools within the division to establish their own school-based debate organizations and invite interested learners to participate.
2. The primary objective of this initiative is to foster the holistic development of high school learners by honing their skills in the art of debating, critical thinking, logical reasoning, and public speaking. These organizations will provide a structured platform for students to voice their perspectives, engage in constructive discourse, and build self-confidence.
3. Please be guided by the following provisions regarding this advisory:
 - i. Voluntary School Participation: The establishment of a school-based debate organization is completely **voluntary**. School heads may assess their institution's capacity and resources before initializing the program.
 - ii. Voluntary Student Membership: Joining the debate organization is entirely **optional** for learners. No student shall be forced, coerced, or academically penalized for choosing not to participate. Membership should stem purely from the learner's genuine interest in public speaking and debate.
 - iii. Faculty Support: Schools that choose to establish a debate club are encouraged to assign a willing faculty member or language teacher to serve as a **club adviser** to guide the students during practices and external engagements.
6. The *Liga ng mga Debatistang Kabataang Bol-anon*, in coordination with the division office, will be available to provide technical assistance, basic orientation materials, and speaker training modules to schools that decide to establish their clubs.
7. For your information and guidance.

WILFREDA D. BONGALOS PhD, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent

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From:

Chardee R. Ramirez, Liga ng mga Debatistang Kabataang Bol-anon President

To:

Office of the Tagbilaran City Schools Division Superintendent

Subject: Humbly requesting support and approval with the Superintendent

Good day, Dr. Bongalos,

We are writing to you with great respect on behalf of LDKB, a youth organization based in Tagbilaran City which is committed to developing high school debaters in the art of debating and public speaking. We are here to humbly ask for your support and approval in relation to our cause.

In your capacity as Schools Division Superintendent, you have a central role to play in determining the opportunities open to the students in our city. We are aware of the importance of this responsibility and we ensure you we do not take lightly the request we are making today. Many schools have shown an interest in our debate development programme and debating itself, but it is to be expected that they would hesitate to commit entirely without some guarantee of its legitimacy. Your support would help to overcome this hesitation—not by asking the schools to merely trust us—but by confirming that our work is in line with the values and standards which the Division maintains.

With your support, we hope to:

- Build greater confidence among schools that have been cautious about joining, now with the Division's recognition behind us.
- Continue developing workshops and competitions centered on genuine student growth.
- Give students meaningful opportunities to strengthen public speaking, critical thinking, and argumentation.
- Help schools improve preparation their high school debaters for inter-division, provincial, regional, and national competitions.
- Contribute to forming articulate, well-prepared young leaders for fields such as law, public service, journalism, and governance.
- Reinforce the Division's ongoing commitment to academic excellence and student empowerment.

We realize that a decision of this kind should be carefully considered, and we are glad to have the chance to talk about our organization, our programmes, or any concerns you might have—whichever way is most useful to you. We truly appreciate the time you've taken and the consideration you're giving us. We should be very pleased if you do support us, and we are thankful for any advice you might be able to give us on the way.

Respectfully yours,


CHARDEE R. RAMIREZ
LDKB President/Prime Minister

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THE SIXTEENTH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod, Tagbilaran City Hall, 6300 Tagbilaran City Telephone Nos. (038) 412-2222 local 170

RESOLUTION NO. 26-242
Series of 2026

RECOGNIZING TWO (2) COMMUNITY-BASED PEOPLE'S AND NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS IN THE CITY OF TAGBILARAN

(Authored and Sponsored by: Hon. Jose Floro B. Ringca, City Councilor)

WHEREAS, Section 34 of the Local Government Code of 1991 (Book 1, Chapter 4) states that local government units shall promote the establishment and operation of people's and non-governmental organizations to become active partners in the pursuit of local autonomy;

WHEREAS, the participation in governance adheres to the principles of democracy, transparency and accountability in promoting sustainable development through creative and innovative processes pursuant to the city's vision of "a highly urbanized, resilient and livable city by 2030;"

WHEREAS, Article 62, Rule XIII of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A. 7160) mandates local government units to promote the establishment and operation of people's organizations, non-government organizations, and the private sector, to make them active partners in the pursuit of local autonomy, and to directly involve them in the plans, programs, projects or activities of the local government units, such as but not limited to membership in local special bodies (LSBs) and involvement in the delivery of basic services and facilities;

WHEREAS, the two (2) applicants have satisfactorily complied all the requirements and criteria for accreditation as a civil society organization in accordance with the procedures and guidelines set forth under the Department of the Interior and Local Government issued Memorandum Circular No. 2025-060 except the Certificate of Registration or existing valid Certificate of Accreditation from any NGA and the one (1) year in existence as an organization, thus in lieu of accreditation they will be accorded due recognition accordingly;

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| 1. | LIGA NG MGA DEBATISTANG KABATAANG BOL-ANON | - LIGA NG MGA DEBATISTA |
| 2. | TAGBILARAN CITY MOTOR FOR RENT ASSOCIATION | - TAGBILARAN CITY MOTOR FOR RENT |

NOW THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, As It Is Hereby Resolved by the Sixteenth Sangguniang Panlungsod in session duly assembled:

TO RECOGNIZE TWO (2) COMMUNITY-BASED PEOPLE'S AND NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS IN THE CITY OF TAGBILARAN.

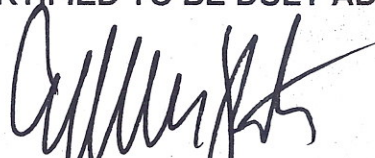
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RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution be furnished to the Hon. City Mayor Jane Censoria C. Yap, Ms. Juliet Olalo - City DILG CLGOO and Mr. Kim C. Anub - CSO Desk Officer for their information and guidance.

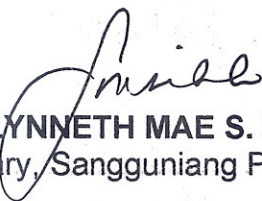
ADOPTED, August 11, 2026.

CERTIFIED TO BE DULY ADOPTED:



ATTY. ADAM NELSON L. JALA
City Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:



LYNNETH MAE S. IBBA
Secretary, Sangguniang Panlungsod