



TO: University / College Presidents

ATTENTION: Student Council / Government Presidents and Officers,
Regents / Trustees, Officers of Student Political Parties and Organizations

THRU: Deans / Directors of Office of Student Affairs / Activities

Warm greetings of solidarity!

The National Union of Students of the Philippines (NUSP) is the oldest and largest alliance of student councils / governments / federations in the country. NUSP has more than 650 member-councils and is affiliated with the International Union of Students (IUS) and the Asian Students Association (ASA). NUSP is recognized as the premiere national student center for consistently forwarding the rights and welfare of the students and youth. NUSP regularly holds leadership trainings, education seminars, and student congresses and conventions to educate and unite the Filipino students and youth.

In this regard, we are happy to invite you to attend and participate in our **DAP-AYAN 2014: 6th Luzon-wide Student Leaders Congress and Student Trustees and Regents Federation Luzon Convention on September 12-15, 2014 at NSCC Plaza Hotel** in Caoayan, Metro Vigan, Ilocos Sur. Dap-ayan 2014 aims to gather incumbent and/or newly elected officers of student councils, student regents and trustees, and organization officers. It will provide forum and classroom discussions on contemporary education, youth and social issues, leadership and skills training workshops, resolution building, and community development integration. **This year, we are also in search for the next Gawad Edgar Jopson Exemplary Student Leadership awardee.** Gawad Edgar Jopson was formed in recognition of the exceptional performance of student councils that embody the legacy of genuine service and leadership.


Registration fee for the four-day gathering is 3,500 pesos per participant inclusive of meals, accommodation, kit and t-shirt. **Early bird registration** is until July 31, 2014, with a discounted registration fee pegged at 3,200 pesos.

Should you decide to join our event, kindly fill out our online registration here: <http://nusp.org/dap-ayan-2014/>. We have already reserved five slots for your school student council/organization. If you wish to send more than this, please immediately inform us. For renewal of membership to NUSP, please be reminded of the following dues:

- a. Annual National Membership Fee: Php 300 (per student council)
- b. Regional Chapter Membership Fee: Php 200 (per student council)
- c. Annual Publication Fee: Php 200 (per student council)

We hope that you can partake in this year's Dap-ayan. Attached herewith are our concept paper, program, mechanics of the Gawad Edgar Jopson, and quick facts for your perusal. Excuse letters for confirmed participants will be provided upon request. **For further queries, you may contact us at 0905-3588288 and 0919-6654455 or at nuspluzonwidecongress@gmail.com.**

In the service of the students and the people,


Mr. John Clifford Sibayan
NUSP Vice President for Luzon
Head, Dap-ayan 2014


Ms. Sarah Elago
NUSP National President

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**PROGRAM****DAY 1 – SEPT. 12, 2014**

9:00am: Arrival of Delegates
9:15am: Open House
12:00nn: Lunch
1:00pm: Welcome Program
Cultural Performance
Program Orientation
House Rules
Roll Call of Delegates
NUSP Orientation
Life of Edgar Jopson
Synthesis and Forum
Energizer
Committee Formation
4:30pm: FORUM: Future Unbound: The State of Philippine Education
6:00pm: Dinner
7:00pm: FORUM:
Bayan ni Juan: The Philippine Economic & Political Situation
8:45pm: Review of Program and House Rules
9:00pm: End of Session
9:30pm: Lights Off

DAY 2 – SEPT. 13, 2014

5:00am: Wakeup call
6:00am: Breakfast
7:00am: Opening Program
Opening Remarks
Keynote Address
Solidarity Messages
8:00am: FORUM: Tasks and Prospects of the Filipino Youth
9:30am: SOCIAL REALITIES AS TOOL FOR ANALYSIS
o On the Philippines' Sovereignty and Democracy
o Then and Now: Updates on the Relief and Rehabilitation of Calamity-affected Areas
o Never PorkGet : The Philippines' Pork Barrel System
o Liberated: A Transformative Culture
11:00am Integration Preparations
11:30am: Lunch and Travel to Communities
12:30pm: BACK TO BASICS: Community Development Program- Fisher Folk and Indigenous People Integration
4:30pm: Travel Back to Congress venue
5:30pm: Rest and Preparation for Group Assessment and Sharing of Back to Basics Experiences
6:00pm: Dinner
7:00pm: Sharing of Back to Basics Experiences
9:30pm: Review of Program and House Rules
Lights Off

DAY 3 – SEPT. 14, 2014

5:00am: Wakeup call
6:00am: Breakfast
7:00am: Opening Program
Energizer
Solidarity Messages
8:00am: Committee Sessions
12:00nn: Lunch
1:00pm: Plenary 01 First Reading of Resolutions
2:45pm: Privilege Hour
3:45pm: Plenary 02: Second and Third Reading, Passage of Resolutions
5:00pm STARFED Caucus
Approval of STARFED Constitution and By Laws
6:00pm: Dinner
6:45pm: STARFED Caucus: STARFED - Luzon Consortium Formation
7:45pm: Cultural Night
9:30pm: Lights Off

DAY 4 – SEPT. 15, 2014

5:00am: Wakeup call
6:00am: Breakfast
7:00am: Nomination for Regional Chapter Officers
8:00am: Election Process
9:30am: Regional Caucuses and Planning
12:00nn: Lunch
12:45pm: Presentation of Plans and Oath Taking of New Officers
1:30pm: Gawad Edgar Jopson: Awarding Ceremonies
2:30pm: Home Sweet Home

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The **Dap-ayan 2014: 6th Luzon-wide Student Leaders Congress and Student Trustees and Regents Federation Luzon Convention** aims to gather incumbent and/or newly elected officers of student councils, governments, federations and organizations for the promotion and advancement of student and youth rights and welfare. This project also aims to build unity among student representatives from private and public higher educational institutions. The congress will provide four (4) days of forum and classroom discussions, leadership and skills trainings, resolution buildings, and community development to imbue principled leadership to student leaders and participants. "Dap-ayan" is an Ilocano word which means a venue where people gather together for meeting and small talks.

PROJECT CONTEXT

Historically, the Filipino students and youth play a very crucial role in our universities and society. Touted as the hope of the nation, students and youth are encouraged to participate and be involved in both academic and non-academic matters. Young men and women in their late teens, twenties and thirties serve as officers and members of organizations that promote the rights and welfare not only of the students and youth but also of the people.

It is very important to unite student and youth leaders to promote and advance the rights and welfare of the students, the youth and the people. NUSP has been consistent in its advocacy to aid in policy recommendations, and has been actively sitting in education and youth reforms in the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), House of Representatives or Congress, and the Senate. Position papers and policy recommendations by NUSP are products of its regional and national congresses, among others.

Dap-ayan 2014 Congress will serve as venue for student leaders to address and discuss pressing local and national issues through resolution making. Resolutions authored and approved in the plenary of the congress will be adapted by the whole membership of NUSP. Approved resolutions will also be given to CHED, the Department of Education (DepEd), House of Representatives Committee on Higher and Technical Education (CHTE), and the Senate of the Philippines, as recommendations and as part of lobbying work in advancing legitimate issues and concerns of the students and the people. The Congress will also tackle bills that are filed in the House of Representatives that concern youth, students and the people. This will be an opportunity for student leaders to take stand and support genuine bills in nation building.

BENEFICIARIES

The discussions, trainings and workshops, community development plus contact expansion during the event, will benefit student council officers with a deeper and broader knowledge of leadership and student council management. The said trainings will also extend to their constituents and their nearby communities.

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GAWAD EDGAR JOPSON

Recognizing Exemplary Student Leadership

This award is named after Edgar Jopson or Edjop, an outstanding student leader during the 70s, who was also the National Union of Students of the Philippines (NUSP) president in 1969. He made his mark in Philippine society as early as his term as the student council president of the Ateneo de Manila University. Eventually, he was to be seen among the students fighting against the repressive Martial Law. Intense political oppression did not hinder Edjop from standing for social change in behalf of the broad masses. Though he came from a well-off family, Edjop courageously faced the challenge of his time – he offered his expertise, time, and robustness of youth for the greater good. He was slain carrying out the true meaning of serving the people.

Edjop's legacy remains to be a standard of genuine service and leadership. Today, student councils are challenged to continue Edjop's legacy of advancing the collective welfare of the youth and the people. Gawad Edgar Jopson was formed in recognition of the exceptional performance of student councils that embody the legacy of genuine service and leadership. These outstanding councils serve as examples to every Filipino student to stand firm for their collective interests and rights.

Who may join Gawad Edgar Jopson?

The Gawad Edgar Jopson is open to student councils that:

- embody Edgar Jopson's pro-student and pro-people legacy
- collectively lead the students in advancing their rights and welfare
- have contributed greatly to sectoral campaigns inside the campus, such as campaigns by the personnel and teachers

Steps on how to join:

1. Completely fill out the Gawad Edgar Jopson Entry Form here: www.nusp.org/gawadedjop
2. Email to gawadedgarijopson@gmail.com the following:
 - 1-page certification attesting the existence and reliability of the information submitted signed by the student council adviser or the Office of Student Affairs/Services
 - List of officers, leaders and founders (if any). Please indicate name, position, contact number/s (landline and/or cellphone) and email addresses.
 - Project documentation (can be any of the following: photos with captions, testimonies of partners or beneficiaries, recognition certificates, project briefer, among others)
3. For organizations with internet access difficulties, download the entry form from www.nusp.org/gawadedjop. Print it, fill it out, and mail it to us at NUSP National Office c/o Office of the Student Regent, Vinzons' Hall Basement, University of the Philippines – Diliman, Quezon City.
4. NUSP will contact you once your entry is complete and valid after passing through the screening.

Qualifications:

- Open to all incumbent student councils and governments.
- The project entry to be submitted must be a recently concluded project or an on-going program. **A project proposal does not qualify as an entry.**
- A project entry must either be completed, or a major portion must have been undertaken this year. Student councils and governments shall be judged on the basis of the submitted project entry. NUSP focuses on projects that meet the following criteria:

- a. Impact of the Project on Stakeholders
- b. Exemplary Leadership and Service (involvement of stakeholders in planning, implementing and assessment of project)
- c. Creativity (use of technologies and innovations, uniqueness of the campaign)
- d. Effective use of resources (networking, financial resourcefulness and maximization of local supporters)

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General Mechanics and Guidelines

- Lack or non-compliance of search requirements will result in automatic disqualification.
- The organizers reserve the right to modify, alter or amend the above-stated rules or waive compliance therewith at their sole discretion if such steps are in accordance with the purpose of the search and awards scheme.
- All decisions of the Gawad Edgar Jopson Screening Committee and Panel of Judges are final. No correspondence pertaining to these decisions shall be entertained.
- All materials submitted to the Gawad Edgar Jopson Secretariat automatically become property of the organizers.
- Student councils and governments are encouraged to accomplish their applications online.

Special Awards

Individual members from duly recognized student organizations, societies and political parties may also participate in this year's Gawad Edgar Jopson, primary of which are resolution writing and sharing stories during the Privilege Hour. Delegates may submit both resolution and speeches about the following topics:

- a. State of Philippine Education
- b. National Sovereignty and Foreign Affairs
- c. Relief and Rehabilitation for the victims of Super Typhoon Yolanda
- d. Pork Barrel System

1. Resolution Writing – A resolution is a proposal that addresses matters entirely within the prerogative of one body. Approved bills by the National Executive Board will be referred to its specific committee for other delegates to see for co-authorship and review.

2. Privilege Hour – Delegates are encouraged to write speeches ranging from 3-5 minutes about one of the listed topics. At least 30 minutes will be allocated for speeches per committee sessions. We encourage that speakers talk about the topic on how these issues will affect them and their constituents. References on the given topics are available at NUSP website.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE BY AUGUST 15, 2014. YOU MAY SUBMIT AT gawadedgariopson@gmail.com. These shall be deliberated by the NUSP National Executive Board and the awarding for the outstanding student council will be during the **Dap-ayan 2014: 6th Luzon-wide Student Leaders Congress and Student Trustees and Regents Federation Luzon Convention** of the NUSP (September 12-15, 2014) in Caoayan, Metro Vigan, Ilocos Sur.

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QUICK FACTS / FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs) ABOUT THE DAP-AYAN CONGRESS:

A. **DATES:** September 12-15, 2014

B. **VENUE:** NSCC Plaza Hotel, Caoayan, Metro Vigan, Ilocos Sur. Check it out here: www.coopnsc.com

C. **ONLINE REGISTRATION:** Accomplish the online registration form by clicking on this link: <http://nusp.org/dap-ayan-2014/>

D. **CONFIRMATION OF ATTENDANCE:** Confirm your attendance on or before August 22, 2014

E. **REGISTRATION FEE:** Inclusive of meals, accommodation, kit and t-shirt 1. Early Bird or Advanced Registration: 3,200 pesos (payment should be made on or before July 31, 2014) 2. Regular: 3,500 pesos (payment received on August 1 to September 12, 2014)

F. **TRANSPORTATION COSTS** are not included in the registration fee.

G. PAYMENT OPTIONS:

1. **BEFORE THE EVENT:** a. Cash Payment (pay only to official NUSP representatives, but bank deposit in our NUSP account is most preferred for "before the event" payments) b. Cash Deposit (see bank details below) c. Cheque Deposit (see bank details below) d. Early Bird or Advanced Registration Fee payment must be received on or before July 31, 2014 e. Regular Registration Fee payment from August 1 to September 12, 2014

2. **DURING THE EVENT:** a. Cash Payment b. Cheque Payment. Cheques should be made payable to NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS OF THE PHILIPPINES HEAD OFFICE, INC. 3. **BANK DETAILS:** a. Account Name: NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS OF THE PHILIPPINES HEAD OFFICE, INC. b. Bank: China Bank c. Account No.: 107-248551-3 4. For registration fees paid via bank deposit, please scan the deposit slip and e-mail to nuspluzonwidecongress@gmail.com for confirmation of your deposit payment. Do not forget to bring the hard copy of your deposit slip on the actual event / first day of registration, for double-checking purposes.

H. **ENDORSEMENT:** Endorsement from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC) will be provided.

I. **THINGS TO BRING:** (1) Valid ID (2) Personal clothes, medicine and toiletries (3) Semi-formal wear for plenary sessions (4) Money for transportation, miscellaneous and personal expenses (5) Student council or organization constitution (6) Student manual or handbook.

J. **GAWAD EDGAR JOPSON:** For the mechanics and official entry form to this Student Leadership Award, visit www.nusp.org/gawadedjop

K. **CONTACT DETAILS**, for Inquiries and Daily Updates: 1. Mobile: 0919-6654455 or 0905.3588.288 2. Email: nuspluzonwidecongress@gmail.com 3. Facebook: NUSPhilippines 4. Twitter: @nusphilippines 5. Instagram: nusphilippines 6. Scribd: nusphilippines 7. Website: www.nusp.org

L. PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS:

1. **KASAMA SA UP** or **Katipunan ng mga Sangguniang Mag-aaral sa UP** is the oldest and broadest alliance of student councils from all the campuses of the University of the Philippines (UP) System. KASAMA SA UP is responsible for the establishment of the Office of the Student Regent – the sole and official representative of the students in the highest policy-making body of UP System, the UP Board of Regents.

2. **ANAK-PUP** or **Alyansa ng Nagkakaisang Konseho-PUP** is the federation of student councils from all the campuses of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP). ANAK-PUP selects the PUP Student Regent.

3. **NUSSC** or the **National University Supreme Student Council** is the central / university student council of the National University. NUSSC is a member of NUSP.

4. **NYL** or **Nationalist Youth League** is a national organization of patriotic and democratic youth and student leaders from different colleges and universities that aims to educate, unify and activate youth and student leaders for national freedom and democracy.

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