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**UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES ASSOCIATION OF  
POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJORS (UP APSM)  
INVITATION TO DALUBBANWAHAN 2025**

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5 March 2025

**Atty. Alberto T. Escobarte, CESO II**

Regional Director  
Office of the Regional Director of Department of Education, ORD  
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Dear Mr. Escobarte:

Greetings!

We are members of the **University of the Philippines Association of Political Science Majors (UP APSM)**, an academic student organization that aims to promote social participation aided by the objective study of Political science. We are a non-profit, non-sectarian, non-partisan organization composed of UP Diliman Political Science Students and established in 1983. To actualize these goals, UP APSM will be organizing a lecture-series: **Dalubbanwahan 2025**.

Dalubbanwahan is an annual event of the organization that exposes its teacher participants on societal issues in the lense of political science and promotes the field through social involvement by attending a series of lectures from esteemed speakers. With the current social and political challenges faced by the nation, the UP Association of Political Science Majors proudly presents its 2025 iteration of the flagship event, **Dalubbanwahan 2025** titled **HAPPENING NOW: Civil Societies Challenging PH Politics in the New Age of People Power**. The event will gather high school teachers from across the country to participate in lectures delivered by experts in the field. The event is scheduled to take place online on **22 March 2025, from 1 PM - 5 PM via Zoom**.



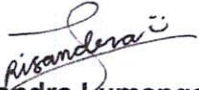
With this, we humbly request that your kind office may **recommend and promote the aforementioned event** to the heads of public and private junior and senior high school teachers in the region through an **endorsement letter**. As we believe that our mission to promote social and political involvement in academic avenues will be best served if we will be able to reach more schools and teachers.

Should you want to acquaint yourself with our event and our organization, feel free to refer to our attached event primer and concept note.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us through [apsm.dalubbanwahan@gmail.com](mailto:apsm.dalubbanwahan@gmail.com) or 0912 4200 783 and look for Ms. Risandra Lumangaya.

We hope for your favorable response on the above matter. Thank you so much!

Warm regards,

  
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### HAPPENING NOW: Civil Societies Challenging PH Politics in the New Age of People Power

The ongoing impeachment of Sara Duterte from the Vice-President position has spurred widespread attention from the media and the people across the whole country. Around 215 lawmakers from the House of Representatives filed complaints toward the impeachment, with notable officials including Ilocos Norte representative Sandro Marcos and House Speaker Martin Romualdez. Yet, despite this overwhelming number of complaints, both the Congress and the Senate have placed the initiation of the impeachment trial process of VP Duterte on hold to give way for the campaign period for the 2025 midterm elections. With this issue coinciding the midterms whilst adding to the development of the breakup between the Marcos-Duterte uniteam tandem, it begs the question as to how this impacts the current political landscape of Philippine civil society.

The current setback done in the legislative department of the government could possibly be putting more fire into the already opposing political camps of Marcos and Duterte. Civil society is wholly affected by this current political stronghold as the agenda may be for the parties of current incumbents to win again in the 2025 midterms. The tensions between both political camps have amassed movements from the youth alike in order to push for the continuation of Duterte's impeachment trial to proceed in court. With this, it is also worth noting that this collective action from the masses has instilled within the Filipino people the integrity towards the freedom of expression towards the actions of the Malacañang. Additionally, political leaders and critics have also not held back towards the setback done by the current Senate line-up on the impeachment trial.



Running Senatorial candidate Leila de Lima expressed as well that the Senate shall, based on the 1987 constitution, “forthwith follow immediately with the impeachment case”. Furthermore, other Senate hopefuls such as Kiko Pangilinan have voiced out that “he is willing to set aside politics in order to work President Marcos in attaining the Php 20 price for rice which was promised in Marcos’ 2022 electoral campaign bid for the Presidency”.

With the persisting issue of democratic consolidation and political accountability towards the people on the line, the UP Association of Political Science Majors hopes to foster an understanding between legislative dynamics and how it is impacted by the public opinion and mass movements of the Filipino people. With this, the organization’s flagship event will be entitled **Dalubbanwahan 2025** titled “**HAPPENING NOW: Civil Societies Challenging PH Politics in the New Age of People Power.**” The online lecture series will be catering towards high school teachers. The lecture series will comprise of the following topics: **TUNAY: History of Civil Societies in Shaping PH Politics**, **PALABAN: Civil societies as the true and genuine opposition**, and **MAKABAYAN: The role of civil societies in the impeachment of Sara Duterte and the continuous resistance against tyranny**. The following topics will explore the political dynamics behind Filipino civil society as a whole and how they drive local politics through their mass movements and their freedom of expression towards justice and wage rights. The lecture series hopes to provide high school teachers an understanding towards these political dynamics in order to provide different perceptions of civil societies’ views on political pressures done by issues like the ongoing vice-presidential impeachment case.



## **1. TUNAY: History of civil societies in shaping PH Politics**

Civil societies and organizations play a crucial part in shaping the course of history of the Philippines. From staging a peaceful revolution to oust a dictator, doing it again during EDSA Dos, crying out for the victims of extrajudicial killing, holding the line for frontliners during the pandemic to never ceasing to fight and struggle for human rights and good governance. Indeed, the long history of the people's resistance to tyranny determines the essence of our democracy. With another remarkable feat to the people's agenda that is the impeachment of Vice President Sara Duterte, it makes knowing our civil societies' history all the more relevant and crucial in determining its trajectory, trends, and why it has even been sustained from the beginning.

## **2. PALABAN: Civil societies as the true and genuine opposition**

Current senatorial candidates Kiko Pangilinan and Bam Aquino, more popularly known as KikoBam since the 2022 elections, have just recently dropped the image of being the oppositions for the upcoming midterm elections. It caused various questions to arise, one of them being whether or not it is a strategic call to defy the communist connotation and penetrate the legislative arena or simply an act of cowardice of so-called public servants who compromise their principles at the height of the elections' make or break. Whether or not these are true, what remains severely affected is the masses that always find itself in the place of undemocratic elections. It is an even bigger hurdle to face, and knowing what might be the truest and most genuine opposition in our time of resistance could be the answer.

## **3. MAKABAYAN: The role of civil societies in the impeachment of Sara Duterte and the continuous resistance against tyranny**

With the recent news of the impeachment of Vice President Sara Duterte in the House of Representatives, the call to expand public alliances within the general masses is one that needs to be answered now more than ever. The Makabayan Bloc, filing the second impeachment complaint against Sara Duterte, proved not only to be the representative of the people in legislation, but even a continuing ally as it becomes a coalition resounding in the current midterm elections campaign. Various civil society organizations such as Gabriela, Kabataan Partylist, BAYAN MUNA, ACT Teachers, PAMALAKAYA, Kilusang Magsasaka and more are gradually becoming the clearer representation of the people's genuine agenda. It traverses the years of fighting for the people's sectors, and is now rooting to bring this fight to the bigger stage. It goes to show that civil societies carry the impact wherever it goes as long as it carries equally the genuine interests of the people.



## Program Flow

Time	Activity
12:30 pm - 1:00 pm	Open Room
1:00 pm - 1:05 pm	Intro
1:05 pm - 1:10 pm	Opening Remarks
1:10 pm - 1:15 pm	Introduction of First Speaker
1:15 pm - 2:05 pm	Speaker 1 TUNAY: Civil societies as the true and genuine opposition
2:05 pm - 2:15 pm	Open Forum
2:15 pm - 2:20 pm	Awarding of Certificate for the First Speaker and Introduction of Second Speaker
2:20 pm - 3:10 pm	Speaker 2 PALABAN: History of Civil Societies in Shaping PH Politics
3:10 pm - 3:20 pm	Open Forum
3:20 pm - 3:25 pm	Awarding of Certificate for the Second Speaker and Introduction of Third Speaker
3:25 pm - 4:15 pm	Speaker 3 MAKABAYAN: The role of civil societies in the impeachment of Sara Duterte and the continuous resistance against tyranny
4:15 pm - 4:25 pm	Open Forum
4:25 pm - 4:30 pm	Awarding of Certificate for the Third Speaker
4:30 pm - 4:35 pm	Closing Remarks
4:35 pm - 4:50 pm	Picture Taking and Egress

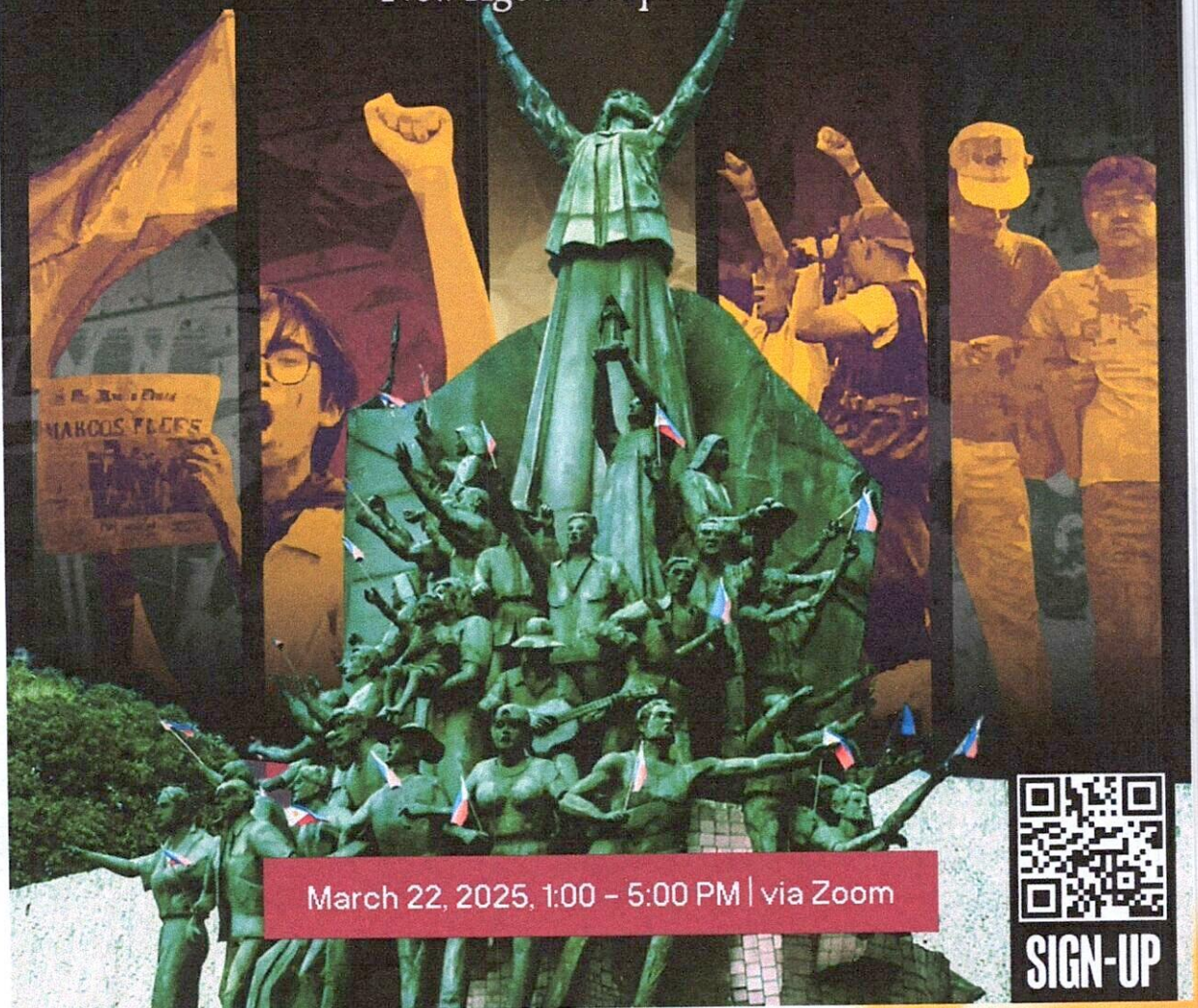


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UP ASSOCIATION OF POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJORS PRESENTS  
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March 22, 2025, 1:00 - 5:00 PM | via Zoom



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