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INVITATION TO UPLB MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES SOCIETY MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES MONTH 2025

The University of the Philippines Los Baños Mathematical Sciences Society (UPLB MASS) will hold its **Mathematical Sciences Month 2025** this October 4-31, 2025 with the theme "From Equations to Exploration: Mapping the Universe with Mathematical Sciences" highlighting the intersection of Mathematical Sciences and Astronomy.

Suggested activities include a National Mathematics Challenge (MATHEMATCH) 2025, Teacher's Seminar, and STAT the Fact 2025. Schedule, registration fee and payments and other details are indicated in the attached letter form the UPLS MASS.

Participation of learners and teachers from both public and private schools shall be purely voluntary and must not interfere with instructional time, in compliance with DepEd Order (DO) No. 3, s. 2023, titled "An Order Allowing the Conduct of In-Person Activities in Schools," DO No. 9, s. 2005, titled "Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith." and to the no-collection policy reiterated in DO No, 41, s. 2024 titled "Re-iteration of the No Collection Policy in Schools."

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30 July 2025

Alberto T. Escobarte
Regional Director, Region IV-A
Department of Education

RE: Advisory of the Mathematical Sciences Month (MSM) 2025

Dear Mr. Escobarte:

Warm greetings!

We are the **UPLB Mathematical Sciences Society (UPLB MASS)**, a duly recognized organization of the University of the Philippines Los Baños. For the past 50 years, we have dedicated ourselves to promoting a deeper appreciation and wider application of mathematical sciences by involving our university constituents and the Filipino masses.

In line with this objective, we will be conducting our **Mathematical Sciences Month 2025** this incoming **4th to 31st of October 2025**. This year's month-long celebration will focus on the theme, **"From Equations to Exploration: Mapping the Universe with Mathematical Sciences,"** highlighting the intersection of Mathematical Sciences and Astronomy.

The following are the activities and competitions that will be held for the said event:

1. **National Mathematical Challenge (MATHEMATCH) 2025**
   - A 3-member team quiz competition open to all Junior High School and Senior High School students nationwide.
2. **Teachers' Seminar**
   - A seminar for the coaches/teachers of the participating students in the National Mathematical Challenge (MATHEMATCH) 2025 that aims to enhance their understanding and application of key concepts related to the theme for National Statistics Month.
3. **STAT the Fact 2025**
   - An online infographics making competition that challenges participants to create an infographic based on this year's theme for the National Statistics Month open to all Junior High School and Senior High School students nationwide.

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IV. COMPETITION MECHANICS

A. GENERAL MECHANICS

1. The contest proper will cover topics in **Algebra, Arithmetic, Calculus, Geometry, Logic, Statistics, and Trigonometry.** Well-screened questions will be created by the members of the Society and verified by UPLB faculty members who will also serve as the judges in the final round.

2. The entire competition shall be held on **25 October 2025 (Sat).** The registration will **start at 7:00 AM.** Contestants may proceed to their respective room assignments by **8:00 AM,** thirty (30) minutes before the start of the preliminary round. Specific seating arrangements will be assigned and communicated to each participant upon registration.

3. The preliminary round shall start at **exactly 8:30 AM** while the final round shall start at exactly **1:00 PM.**

4. The contestant must be at the designated venue at least thirty (30) minutes before the start of the competition.

5. Competition proper will be held within the UPLB campus and contestants will be notified of the exact venue once logistics are finalized.

6. There shall be no changes made in the line-up of the contestants once the registration has ended. In the event that a student is unable to participate in the competition, the school must **immediately inform the organizer via email,** stating the reason for the student's non-participation and providing the **name and requirements** (*refer to section III. A. 2.*) of an alternate participant.

7. The use of calculators, slide rules, mathematical tables, gadgets, electronic devices, smart watches, and the like by the contestants is **NOT ALLOWED** in the competition.

8. Clarification regarding the rules and regulations shall be entertained by the Academic Affairs Committee of the UPLB Mathematical Sciences Society before the competition.

9. The UPLB Mathematical Sciences Society reserves the right to disqualify any contestant that will violate any item on the Disqualification Guidelines (*https://bit.ly/MATHEMATCH2025_DisqualificationGuidelines*) upon proper notification to concerned parties.

10. The organization also reserves the right to change or amend the competition rules provided there is sufficient time to disseminate the information.

B. PRELIMINARY ROUND MECHANICS

1. The preliminary round will be in the form of a **closed-door individual written examination** during which contestants are not allowed to leave the venue and communicate with other contestants.

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In this regard, we would like to ask for your good office for the **issuance of DepEd Advisory** of the following events and its **dissemination** to the secondary schools nationwide.

1. National Mathematical Challenge (MATHEMATCH) 2025
2. Teachers' Seminar
3. STAT the Fact 2025

This is to help us broaden our reach and encourage the participation of more schools in our activities, which will greatly support the objectives of this event. For your reference, we have attached additional information about our organization and the event.

We are hoping for your favorable response on this matter. Thank you very much!

Sincerely yours,

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ELIZAH S.B. CAGAMPANG
President

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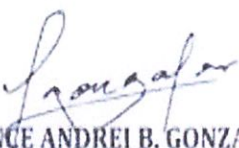+639691509769   uplbmass1973@gmail.com   @uplbmass1973

ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND

The UPLB Mathematical Sciences Society, established in 1973, has been one of the duly recognized academic organizations of the University of the Philippines Los Baños. It is comprised of BS Mathematics, BS Applied Mathematics, BS Computer Science, BS Mathematics and Science Teaching Major in Math, and BS Statistics students who are committed to upholding the goal of the society: to contribute to the development of the Filipino nation by cultivating deeper appreciation and wider application of mathematical sciences, by fostering academic excellence towards social relevance, and by being involved with the rest of the university constituency and Filipino masses.

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EVENT INFORMATION

Event Name:	Mathematical Sciences Month 2025
Date:	4 October 2025 - 31 October 2025

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY / EVENT
13 October 2025 (Mon)	10:00 AM	Posting of STAT the Fact 2025 Entries
18 October 2025 (Sat)	5:00 PM	Announcement of STAT the Fact 2025 Winners
25 October 2025 (Sat)	8:30 AM - 10:30 AM	National Mathematical Challenge (MATHEMATCH) 2025 Preliminary Round
		Teachers' Seminar
	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	National Mathematical Challenge (MATHEMATCH) 2025 Final Round

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CONTEST AND EVENT DETAILS

1. NATIONAL MATHEMATICAL CHALLENGE (MATHEMATCH) 2025

GENERAL INFORMATION

The UPLB Mathematical Sciences Society hosts the National Mathematical Challenge, also known as MATHEMATCH, in celebration of the annual Mathematical Sciences Month. In line with the Society's goal of promoting deeper appreciation and wider application of mathematical sciences, the Society is proud to conduct the fifth nationwide installment of this esteemed competition.

I. ELIGIBILITY

A. MATHEMATCH is a team competition **open to all Junior and Senior High School students** from any secondary schools (public or private) nationwide.

B. Each participating school can send a **maximum of two (2) teams**, each consisting of **3 students, with at least one (1) junior high school student.**

C. Participation in this competition signifies full compliance with the guidelines and regulations established by the UPLB Mathematical Sciences Society.

II. INTEGRITY

It is the collective responsibility of all stakeholders—including, but not limited to, members of the UPLB Mathematical Sciences Society, event partners, judges, and participating schools—to uphold and preserve the integrity of the competition.

III. REGISTRATION AND DEADLINES

A. REQUIREMENTS

1. Interested participants should register through https://bit.ly/MATHEMATCH2025_RegistrationForm to secure their slots for the competition. The early-bird registration period shall start on **29 August 2025 (Fri) at 8:00 AM** and end on **19 September 2025 (Fri) at 11:59 PM**. The regular registration period shall start on **20 September 2025 (Sat) at 12:00 AM** and end on **11 October 2025 (Sat) at 11:59 PM**. Only a maximum of **40 schools** will be accommodated, following a first come, first served basis.

2. Upon registration, participants must accomplish and submit the following documents in PDF format:

   a. A copy of their most recent *School ID* (in case the school has not yet issued their

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school ID for A.Y. 2025-2026, the participant can submit *any high school ID or valid ID with the participant's picture*);

b. Any *Proof of Enrollment* for A.Y. 2025-2026 *(Certificate of Enrollment signed by the school's registrar or principal, participants may also use this template: https://bit.ly/MATHEMATCH2025_COE)*; and,

c. Consent Form signed by either parent/guardian *(https://bit.ly/MATHEMATCH2025_ConsentForm)*.

3. The UPLB Mathematical Sciences Society reserves the right to extend the registration period. In case of such adjustments, announcements will be made through the official page of MATHEMATCH *(facebook.com/NatlMATHEMATCH)*.

B. REGISTRATION FEE AND PAYMENTS

1. The **registration fee** for this competition is as follows:

Registration	Fee	Period
Early-Bird	PhP 1,800 per team	August 2025 (Fri) at 8:00 AM - September 2025 (Fri) at 11:59 PM
Regular	PhP 2,000 per team	September 2025 (Sat) at 8:00 AM - October 2025 (Sat) at 11:59 PM

2. The fee will cover competition-related expenses, including materials, food, and tokens. Please note that accommodation costs are not included. Should participants require lodging, the UPLB Mathematical Sciences Society may provide a list of nearby accommodations; however, the Society will not be held liable for any related expenses.

3. Upon answering the registration form, an official invoice containing payment details and instructions will be sent via email. The team's participation shall be deemed confirmed **only upon receipt and verification of the full registration fee.**

4. The **deadline of payment is until 20 October 2025 (Mon) at 11:59 PM.** Payments to be made beyond the deadline are subject to a penalty of **PhP 200.**

5. The UPLB Mathematical Sciences Society reserves the right to extend the payment deadline. In case of such adjustments, announcements will be made through the official page of MATHEMATCH *(facebook.com/NatlMATHEMATCH)*.

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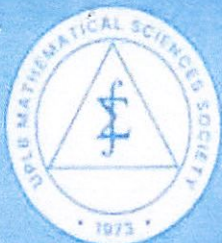+639691509769   uplbmass1973@gmail.com   @uplbmass1973

2. The contestants shall be given **two (2) hours** to answer **40 questions.** Rules on formatting and answer requirements are outlined in Section V of the guidelines.
3. Contestants who arrive after the scheduled time of the examination may still participate, but they will not be given any additional time.
4. Each contestant will receive a questionnaire, an answer sheet, and scratch papers. A contestant must bring at least **two (2) pens with black or blue permanent ink** and write their final answers on the answer sheet.
5. Any form of misbehavior during the examination such as cheating, physical aggression, and disruptive behavior, as determined by the proctor, is sufficient condition for the disqualification of the contestant concerned.
6. The teams will be ranked according to the **sum of the scores** of each member of the team. The **Top Twenty (20) teams** who will garner the highest accumulated scores in the preliminary round will advance to the **final round.** The finalists will be informed via SMS and their names will also be published on the official Facebook page of the National Mathematical Challenge (facebook.com/NatMATHEMATCH).
7. In case of a **tie**, the tiebreaker will be determined by **comparing the highest individual scorer** from each tied team. If there are multiple spots available and more teams tied, the teams with the highest-scoring individuals will advance. If a tie still persists, the comparison will proceed to the next highest scorer until the tie is resolved.

C. FINAL ROUND MECHANICS
1. The final round will be in the form of a **timed oral examination** and shall be conducted in English.
2. Clarifications from the contestants will be acknowledged only after the correct answer for that question has been given by the quizmaster. The contestant should raise their flag should they have any clarifications. Only questions from participating contestants in the final round will be entertained by the judges.
3. The contestant may speak once they are recognized by the quizmaster. Afterwards, the contestant may address his/her question or clarification to the judges. The judges' decision is final and irrevocable.
4. Answers to the question must be written on a white board using a marker that will be provided to each team.
5. The final round will be divided into 3 rounds - Easy, Average, and Difficult.
   a. Easy Round
      - Ten (10) questions will be asked. Each question will be read twice.
      - Each team will be given thirty (30) seconds to answer each question.
      - A correct answer garners five (5) points. Wrong answers and no answers will garner no (0) point.

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Place	Prize
1st Place	PhP 15,000 cash, 3 medals, and a trophy
2nd Place	PhP 10,000 cash, 3 medals, and a trophy
3rd Place	PhP 5,000 cash, 3 medals, and a trophy

5. The winners of this competition will be announced after the tabulation of scores. A separate post for the winners of this competition will also be published through the official page of MATHEMATCH (facebook.com/botMATHEMATCH) and UPLB MASS (facebook.com/uplbmass1973).

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b. Average Round
   - Seven (7) questions will be asked. Each question will be read twice.
   - Each team will be given sixty (60) seconds to answer each question.
   - A correct answer garners seven (7) points. No answers will garner no (0) point and wrong answers will deduct two (-2) points

c. Difficult Round
   - Five (5) questions will be asked. Each question will be read twice.
   - Each team will be given ninety (90) seconds to answer each question.
   - A correct answer garners ten (10) points. No answers will deduct two (-2) points and wrong answers will deduct four (-4) points.

d. Tie breaker Round
   - The tie breaker round is only for the case of a tie in the Top 3 positions after the difficult round.
   - Questions are to be asked until one team gets the correct answer. Each question will be read twice.
   - Teams may start answering the questions after the question is read once.
   - Teams will be given sixty (60) seconds to answer each question.
   - The first team to submit the correct answer will be declared the winner for the tie-breaker round.

6. The accumulated points from the Easy, Average, and Difficult Rounds shall determine the winners for this competition.

V. INSTRUCTIONS FOR ANSWERS

A. Answers should be in simplest form unless specified.
B. Fractions should be in lowest terms.
C. If a question asks for more than one answer, separate your answers using comma/s. (eg. 2, 3, 5)
D. Do not approximate constants such as e or π.
E. Use dash (-) for negative and/or subtraction signs.
F. Leave the answer sheet blank if you do not have an answer for the item

VI. WINNERS AND PRIZES

1. Participants will receive certificates for their participation.
2. The Top 20 team finalists will each receive a certificate of recognition.
3. The Top scorer for the preliminary round will receive a certificate of recognition and a medal.
4. The final round winners will receive certificates of recognition and the corresponding prizes:

2. TEACHERS' SEMINAR

GENERAL INFORMATION

The UPLB Mathematical Sciences Society annually holds a seminar as part of the National Mathematical Challenge (MATHEMATCH). For the celebration of Mathematical Sciences Month 2025, the seminar highlights the importance of enhancing educators' understanding and application of the National Statistics Month theme, "Accelerating the SDG Pace of Progress: Mobilizing Data for All," reflecting the growing relevance of data-driven education in today's academic landscape.

1. The seminar is **open to all teachers and coaches** participating in the National Mathematical Challenge (MATHEMATCH) 2025. See https://bit.ly/MATHEMATCH2025_Mechanics for more information.
2. There is **no registration fee** for this event.
3. The seminar will be held on **25 October 2025 (Sat) at 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM**, while the preliminary round of MATHEMATCH is ongoing.
4. The venue for the event is to be announced. Updates regarding the event will be posted in the official Facebook page of UPLB MASS (facebook.com/uplbmass1973).
5. A certificate of participation will be given to each participant of the seminar.

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3. **STAT THE FACT 2025:** *"Accelerating the SDG Pace of Progress: Mobilizing Data for All"*

GENERAL INFORMATION

In celebration of National Statistics Month, and in keeping with the Society's commitment to fostering a deeper appreciation and broader application of the mathematical sciences, the second installment of STAT the Fact is being conducted. This is a nationwide online infographics making competition that aims to encourage creativity and analytical thinking by challenging participants to create an infographic based on this year's National Statistics Month theme in a visually compelling and informative manner, thereby showcasing their skills in visual communication.

I. **ELIGIBILITY**
   A. This online Infographics Making Competition is **open to all Junior and Senior High School students nationwide.**
   B. Each participating school must be represented by **a maximum of 2 registered students only.**
   C. There is **no registration fee** for this competition.
   D. Participation in this competition means adhering to the competition guidelines set by the UPLB Mathematical Sciences Society.

II. **REGISTRATION AND DEADLINES**
   A. **REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**
      1. Interested participants should register through https://bit.ly/STATtheFact2025_RegistrationForm to secure their slots for this competition. The registration period shall start on **27 August 2025 (Wed) at 8:00 AM** and will end on **29 September 2025 (Mon) at 11:59 PM.** Only a maximum of **30 participants** will be accommodated, following a first come, first served basis. A registration confirmation will be sent via email.
      2. Upon registration, participants must accomplish and submit the following in pdf:
         a. A copy of their most recent *School ID* (in case the school has not yet issued their school ID for A.Y. 2025-2026, the participant can submit *any high school ID* or *valid ID with the participant's picture*);
         b. Any *Proof of Enrollment* for A.Y. 2025-2026 (*Certificate of Enrollment signed by the school's registrar or principal, participants may also use this template:* https://bit.ly/STATtheFact2025_COE).

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3. The UPLB Mathematical Sciences Society reserves the right to extend the registration period. In case of such adjustments, announcements will be made through the official page of UPLB MASS (facebook.com/uplbmass1973).

B. ENTRY DEADLINE

1. All entries must be submitted on or before **2 October 2025 (Thu) at 11:59 PM** through https://bit.ly/STATtheFact2025_SubmissionForm. Entries submitted beyond the deadline will be **automatically disqualified**.
2. The UPLB Mathematical Sciences Society reserves the right to extend the submission deadline. In case of such adjustments, registered participants will be notified *via* email.
3. All entries will be posted in the official Facebook Page of UPLB MASS (facebook.com/uplbmass1973) on **13 October 2025 (Mon) at 10:00 AM** during the organization's celebration of the Mathematical Sciences Month 2025.

III. COMPETITION MECHANICS

A. Participants must create an infographic that explains any concept or idea about statistics in relation to this year's National Statistics Month theme: *Accelerating the SDG Pace of Progress: Mobilizing Data for All*.

B. Participants are allowed to use **graphic design software tools** (e.g. *Canva, Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop*) in creating their entries. The use of **AI tools** is permitted only for minor elements or small components of the infographic (e.g. icons, background textures). However, generating an entire infographic using AI or relying heavily on AI-generated content is **strictly prohibited and may result in disqualification**.

C. The infographic must only contain factual information, properly referenced in **APA format**. Plagiarism is **explicitly not allowed and may lead to immediate disqualification**. Moreover, the infographics should NOT contain foul, offensive, or controversial content.

D. The dimensions of the infographic must be at least **1080 x 1920 px** or **9 x 16 inches** in size and in **portrait orientation**. It must be submitted in **PNG format** which **shall not exceed 20 MB in size**. Note that only **one entry** may be submitted per participant.

E. The entries must be written/composed in **English or Tagalog**.

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IV.   CRITERIA FOR JUDGING
   A.   Entries will be judged using the following criteria:

CRITERIA	POINTS
Accuracy of Information	30
Information found within the infographic is accurate.	8
Information came from credible sources.	8
The concepts discussed are supported by a sufficient number of sources.	7
The concepts discussed in the infographic are properly cited in APA format.	7
Relevance to the Theme	25
The infographics align with the role of statistics in advancing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).	12
The infographic clearly demonstrates an understanding of how mobilizing data can drive progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).	13
Style/Creativity	25
The concepts are effectively translated to visual form (graphics, color, text and design wise).	7
The infographic exhibits a highly compelling appeal to viewers.	7
The graphics and other visuals used are necessary and relevant to the infographic.	6
The words in the infographic are readable.	5
Conciseness	15
The contents of the infographic are easy to understand.	5
The infographic is not wordy.	5
The infographic presents a concise and coherent discussion of statistical analysis concepts—such as data collection, visualization, and interpretation—within the context of mobilizing data for sustainable development.	5
Spelling and Grammar	5
There are no grammatical and mechanical errors in the infographic.	3
The concepts and/or topics in the infographic are easily understandable because of the lexicon used by the participant.	2
TOTAL	100

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B. The top three highest scorers will be declared the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners based on their obtained scores. In the event of tie for any placement, the winner will be determined by the number of votes submitted through Google Form *(refer to section V. A. 4.)* linked on the respective posts of their entries on the UPLB MASS Official Facebook page (facebook.com/uplbmass1973).

C. The judges' decision is final and irrevocable.

V. PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

A. Aside from the top three winners, there will be a People's Choice Award, which will be determined based on votes submitted through Google Forms. The criteria for the People's Choice Award will be as follows:

1. The voting shall commence as soon as the entries are posted in the UPLB MASS Official Facebook page (facebook.com/uplbmass1973) and it will run until **17 October 2025 (Fri) at 5:00 PM.**

2. Each entry will have a dedicated Google Form linked in the caption of its respective post on the UPLB MASS Official Facebook page.

3. Voters must sign in to their Google account to vote, and only **one vote per email** address is allowed.

4. The entry with the highest number of votes submitted through its respective Google Form will be awarded the People's Choice Award.

5. Suspicious activities such as, but not limited to, use of bots, browser automation, hacking, mass voting from suspicious email accounts (e.g. similarly named Gmail addresses, non-personal or bot-like names) are grounds for **disqualification**. The organization reserves the right to disqualify any entry involved in suspicious activities. If multiple entries are found to be involved in suspicious activities, the organization reserves the right to forfeit the People's Choice Award.

B. The judge's decision is final and irrevocable.

VI. WINNERS AND PRIZES

A. Winners will be posted on **18 October 2025 (Sat) at 5:00 PM** through the Official Facebook Page of UPLB MASS (facebook.com/uplbmass1973).

B. Participants will receive an e-certificate for their participation.

C. There will be four winners for this competition. The 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place Winners, and People's Choice Award. The winners will receive e-certificate of recognition and the corresponding prizes:

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Place	Prize
1st Place	PhP 3,000 cash
2nd Place	PhP 2,000 cash
3rd Place	PhP 1,000 cash
People's Choice	PhP 1,000 cash

Office of Student Activities

7 March 2025

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify **UPLB MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES SOCIETY (UPLB MASS)** is a duly registered academic organization of the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) for two academic years starting **2ⁿᵈ Semester A.Y. 2024-2025** until **1ˢᵗ Semester A.Y. 2026-2027**.

This certification is issued to the abovementioned for whatever legal purpose it may serve.

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