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**Department of Education**  
REGION IV-A CALABARZON



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## **2026 MALIKHAING GURO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CULTURE-BASED EDUCATION**

The Arts Research and Training Institute in Southern Tagalog Inc. (ARTIST Inc.), in collaboration with the Linang Culture and Arts Network and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), is pleased to announce the 2026 Malikhaing Guro International Conference on Culture-Based Education.

### **Event Details**

- Date: May 23–24, 2026
- Location: Los Baños, Laguna

Participation in this international conference is voluntary. Interested individuals are reminded that attendance is subject to all existing policies and regulations of the Department.

For complete event details, please refer to the attached document. For further clarifications, you may reach the organizers through the following official channels:

- Email: [malikhaingguro@gmail.com](mailto:malikhaingguro@gmail.com)
- Facebook: [facebook.com/MGInternational](https://facebook.com/MGInternational)

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# MALIKHAING GURO 2026

International Conference on Culture-Based Education  
Culture-based Education Through School and Community Learning Systems:  
Navigating Challenges in Food Security, Climate Change and Sustainability



March 15, 2026

**Carlito D. Rocafort, PhD CESO III**  
Regional Director  
Department of Education, Region 4A

Dear Dr. Rocafort,

Malikhaing pagbati!

The Arts Research and Training Institute in Southern Tagalog, Inc., in partnership with Linang Culture and Arts Network and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, is holding the **2026 Malikhaing Guro International Conference on Culture-Based Education** this May 23-24, 2026, in Los Baños, Laguna.

Over the last 12 years, the Conference provided an annual venue for educators, pedagogues, cultural workers, and arts practitioners across the nation to share their practices, emerging perspectives, and responses to challenges posed by different contexts and modalities of cultural education.

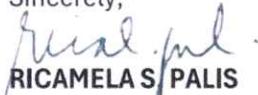
Aligned with UNESCO's Education for Sustainable Development, this year's theme is **Culture-Based Education Through School and Community Learning Systems: Navigating Challenges in Food Security, Climate Change, and Sustainability**. The Conference will be in a hybrid mode.

We respectfully request your **endorsement** of the Conference to your constituents and encourage them **to attend the conference and/or present their research and lesson exemplars related to the theme.**

Your endorsement of the project through a memorandum or advisory would encourage our educators to engage actively in the exchange of emerging ideas and practices relevant to the UNESCO ESD agenda and responsive to the needs of our schoolchildren, their respective families, and communities.

Attached are the Conference details for your reference. You may also visit the Conference Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MGInternational>, or email us at [malikhaingguro@gmail.com](mailto:malikhaingguro@gmail.com).

Sincerely,



**RICAMELA S. PALIS**

Convenor, 2026 MG Conference  
Chair, ARTIST, Inc.

# 2026 Malikaing Guro International Conference on Culture-Based Education

## CONFERENCE BRIEF

Date: **May 23-24, 2026**

Venue: **Los Baños, Laguna**

Theme: **Culture-Based Education Through School and Community Learning Systems: Navigating Challenges in Food Security, Climate Change, and Sustainability**

We invite you and your constituents to participate in the Conference in the following ways:

**A. Presenting research & lesson exemplars: submitting unpublished papers or lesson exemplars in the following topics:**

1. Reclaiming knowledge for food security and improving nutrition
2. Utilization of community-led culture mapping and research on traditional ecological knowledge, including food access and availability for climate change education
3. AI for culturally responsive curriculum in the teaching of STEAM (Science, Technology, Agri-fisheries, and Math) with food security, climate change, and biodiversity content
4. Food security and school-home gardens as resilience efforts for climate change
5. Cross-cultural collaborations, community-LGU-School partnerships and initiatives in strengthening climate-resilient agriculture and enhancement of biodiversity

**Last day for submission of proposals for presentation: April 15, 2026.**

**Submission link:**

**B. General Attendance:** Engaging in discussions, cultural encounters, networking, walking tours, and workshops

**Last day for registration: April 30, 2026**

**Registration link:**

Conference Schedule of Activities (for updating)

DAY	Saturday, May 23, 2026	Saturday, May 24, 2026
AM	8:00 – Arrival & Registration 8:30 – Opening Ceremonies 9:00 – Plenary Session and Cultural Presentations	8:00 – Arrival 8:30 – Plenary Sessions 10:00 – Parallel Sessions/ Roundtable Discussions/Workshops & Learning Sessions
PM	1:00 – Parallel Sessions 4:00 – Sunset Heritage Walk 5:30 PM – Fellowship and Academic Exchange	1:00 – Closing Plenary <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Awarding of Certificates</li><li>• Closing Ceremonies</li></ul>

Conference Registration Fees:

CATEGORY	ON-SITE <sup>1</sup>	ONLINE <sup>2</sup>
Regular rate	Php 2,500.00	Php 1,500.00
20% Discount for early bird registrants and Conference presenters	Php 2,000.00	Php 1,300.00
20% Discount for Senior Citizens and PWDs (with valid ID)	Php 2,000.00	Php 1,300.00
Students (with valid student ID)	Php 1,500.00	Php 750.00
International rate	USD 50	USD 30

<sup>1</sup> With lunch and AM&PM snacks for two days

<sup>2</sup> Via Google Meet

Payment channels will be sent through email upon registration.  
For inquiries, email us at [malikhaingguro@gmail.com](mailto:malikhaingguro@gmail.com)

Nearby accommodation with affordable rates:

**Obdulia F. Sison Hall (formerly CEC)**

Jose B. Juliano Ave., UPLB

Room Type	UP rate (for UP students, personnel and alumni)	Non-UP rate
De Luxe	Php 1,900.00	Php 2,400.00
Double sharing	Php 850.00	Php 1,100.00
Triple sharing	Php 980.00	Php 1,250.00

For reservations and inquiries, contact

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Other details to follow.