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INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN BÁLITAKTÁKÁNG KAPAMPÁNGAN

The field is hereby informed of the *Kapampángan* Language Services Unit's invitation to the Bálitaktákáng Kapampángan on December 4-5, 2025, to be held at the Angeles City Library and Information Center.

The event shall serve as an opening salvo for the weeklong commemoration of the foundation of the Province of Pampanga on December 11, 2025. This activity is also in line with City Ordinance No. 424, s. 2017 (Local Language Code of Angeles City), which aims to preserve the *Kapampángan* language and culture.

Participation by both teachers and students is voluntary and must not disrupt instructional time. Teachers who wish to attend must ensure their class responsibilities are appropriately managed. Moreover, students must secure parental consent prior to their participation.

Attached to this communication is the Letter of Invitation from the Angeles City Kapampángan Language Services Unit, dated October 22, 2025, for guidance and reference.

Encl.: As stated,

Reference: OUHROD Advisory dated 09/25/2025

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Luíd kayu pû:

King kapagmasusián na ning Kayaldawánán na ning Pángatátag na ning Lalawígang Kapampángan (Pampanga Day) bálang a-11 ya ing Disiémbri, at king kapamílatán na ning Kawutusang ampat king Amánung Lokal na ning Lakanbalén ning Ángeles (Local Language Code ~ Ordinance No. 424, s. 2017), ing Sídduán ning Amánung Sísuan (Kapampángan Language Services Unit) a mánibálá king Sínúpan Singsing Center for Kapampángan Cultural Heritage ning Angeles City Library & Information Center, gimpánan ming biáyan mi yang pasibáyu ing Bálitaktákang Kapampángan king 2025 Disiémbri 4 & 5.

Ampat kaníti, maniawad ké pû sánang sáup managkat karing iskuéla kéti king ciudád ning Ángeles a mitúbud karing karélang **Grade 10 anggang 12** a ának a mágáral bang makiábé king mésábing bálitaktákan. Migit pa king pámipatlálû, kapagnasan ming lumábung ing pámiyábe da ring iskuéla kéti ciudád king kapamílatan ning pámagmasabal at pámanialítâ king Amánung Sísuan. Padalan dakayú naman pung Tuntúnan king Pámibálitaktákan, Daleráyan king Pámanúkum ampóng Balangkas ning Pámakiábe king tútukí támung pámitalamítan.

Anti mú rin, maniáwad naké mú naman pung lagyú da ring senior high school principals da ring sablang iskuéla kéti pung Lakanbalén na ning Ángeles.

Panalígan mi ing sadia yung malugud a pámantábé king máyap nang párasan ning katatágan ming iti. Dakal pung salámat!

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2025 October 22

ENGR. EDGARD C. DOMINGO, Ph.D., CESO VI

Schools Division Superintendent Schools Division Office of Angeles City Department of Education

Dear Sir:

In celebration of the foundation day of the Province of Pampanga on December 11, and in accordance with the Local Language Code of Angeles City (Ordinance No. 424, s. 2017), the **Kapampángan Language Services Unit** (Sídduan ning Amánung Sísuan) under the Office of the Mayor that manages the Sínúpan Singsing Center for Kapampángan Cultural Heritage at the Angeles City Library and Information Center, decided to revive the Kapampángan language high school debate which began in 2017. This time we simply called it **Bálitaktákang Kapampángan** and scheduled it on **December 4 and 5** to serve as the opening salvo for the weeklong commemoration.

In line with this, we would like to seek your assistance in inviting schools to be part of the said event by sending **Grade 10 to 12 students** as contestants to compete. More than the competition, we would like to promote camaraderie among schools within the city through the practice and preservation of the Kapampangan Language. We would soon be sending you a list of Contest Guidelines, Criteria for Judging, Application Form.

We would also like to request your good office a list of senior high school principals in all the schools within the city.

We look forward to your usual unwavering support towards the success of this event. Thank you!

Very truly yours.

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BÁLITAKTÁKANG KAPAMPÁNGAN



I. BACKGROUND/RATIONALE

Due to the marginalization and endangerment of the Kapampángan Language, the city government passed and signed into law Ordinance 424 in 2017 to establish Kapampángan as an official language of Angeles City in order to safeguard, promote and revitalize it. Nowhere is the endangerment of the Kapampángan language more evident in Angeles City than among the youth who tend to speak Tagalog rather than Kapampángan when communicating with fellow Kapampángans. They also cannot seem to fully articulate themselves intellectually without switching to Tagalog or English. Yet it has been proven by this very same activity in the past that young Kapampángans can still very well express themselves proficiently and intellectually in their own native Kapampángan Language during confrontation. Rather than through poetry or songs, young Kapampángans express themselves better in their own mother tongue when arguing and proving a point. In order to fully harness this hidden skill among the city's Kapampángan youth, the Kapampángan Language Services Unit have designed the *Bálitaktákang Kapampángan*, a Kapampángan-language debating contest among senior high school students from both public and private schools within the city.

II. PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- a. To harness the innate yet hidden Kapampángan Language skills of the youth of Angeles City by encouraging them to express themselves rationally and logically in it;
- b. To revitalize, encourage, and institutionalize the use of the Kapampángan Language in Angeles City in both public and private spaces and functions;
- To put the Kapampángan Language back in its rightful place as an intellectual language by institutionalizing its use in both oral and written academic and intellectual discourses;
- d. To institutionalize the use of the Kapampángan Language in formal education;
- To end and discourage the discrimination against and the suppression of the Kapampángan Language in favor of the dominant languages, English and Filipino (Tagalog), especially in education, the media and the workplace;
- f. To inspire actual appreciation of and genuine advocacy in the Kapampángan language, culture and identity;
- g. To strengthen and revitalize the Kapampángan sense of self and identity.

III. DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

Bálitaktákang Kapampángan is open to senior high school students studying in the public or private high schools in Angeles City. Each school shall send a team of three debaters who will debate on a topic set by the organizing committee. The topic and medium will all be in Kapampángan.