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In compliance with DepEd Order (DO) No. 8, 2013,
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**2ND CONRADO NEPOMUCENO MANANKIL JR. ON-THE-SPOT KAPAMPANGAN
ESSAY WRITING CONTEST**

The TUNE KUNG KAPAMPANGAN Organization invites interested learners to participate in the 2nd Conrado Nepomuceno Manankil Jr. On-the-Spot Kapampangan Essay Writing Contest on August 5, 2026.

The contest aims to promote, preserve, and strengthen the Kapampangan language by encouraging students to express their appreciation of Kapampangan culture, history, and identity through essay writing.

Participation is open to learners from elementary, junior high school, and senior high school levels. Schools are invited to send one (1) representative for each category or level.

Interested participants are advised to coordinate with the contest organizers for details regarding the venue, mechanics, guidelines, and other requirements.

Participation in this activity shall be strictly voluntary and subject to compliance with existing DepEd policies and regulations. Schools are likewise reminded to ensure that participation does not disrupt classes and that the protection of instructional time/block is always observed.

Attached to this Advisory is the invitation letter from Tune Kung Kapampangan Organization for your reference and guidance.

Encl.: As stated

Reference: Invitation Letter-Tune Kung Kapampangan Org.

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CONTEST KAPAMPANGAN LANGUAGE

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July 28, 2026

ENGR. EDGARD DOMINGO, CESO V
SUPERINTENDENT, ANGELES CITY DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
PULUNG BULO, ANGELES CITY

Dear **Engr. Domingo**:

The Holy Angel University Center for Kapampangan Studies will hold the 2nd Conrado N. Manankil On-the-Spot Essay Writing Competition in Kapampangan, as part of the province-wide celebration of Aldo Ning Amanung Sisuan (Buwan ng Wika) in August. We believe this competition will inspire our students to use the language and will encourage creative and critical thinking among young Kapampangans.

We are inviting public and private schools in the province to send their official representative to the contest, one for each category: *Elementary, High School and College*. The general theme of the essay will revolve around Kapampangan culture, history, literature and values, but the topic will be announced at the venue of the essay writing contest. *The details and guidelines are attached.*

We would like to request your endorsement of the competition to public and private schools in the province to join and send their official participants.

For more information, feel free to contact Mr. Justine Cayetano at kapampangancenter@gmail.com or 0975-081-0613 or (045) 625-9620 local 1312 or 1369.

Dakal pung salamat.

Sincerely,

 7/28/26

Myra P. Lopez
Assoc. Director
Center for Kapampangan Studies
Holy Angel University, Angeles City

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On-the-Spot Kapampangan Essay Writing Contest

Guidelines

I. General Objectives

The contest aims to:

- Promote the use and preservation of the Kapampangan language.
- Encourage creative and critical thinking among young Kapampangans.
- Develop writing proficiency and cultural awareness through expressive essays.

II. Contest Categories

1. **Elementary Level** – Grades 4 to 6
2. **High School Level** – Grades 7 to 12
3. **Collegiate Level** – College students currently enrolled in any academic institution

III. Eligibility

- Contestants must be bona fide students of a recognized academic institution within Pampanga or nearby provinces with significant Kapampangan-speaking communities.
- Each school may send only **1 participant per category**.
- Participants must present a valid school ID and certification from the school as its representative to the competition

IV. Mechanics

1. **On-the-Spot Format:** Contestants will be given the essay topic at the venue on the day of the contest. They will be provided individual computers on which they will compose the essay.
2. **Essay Entry:** Participants shall be required to compose an essay on the computer using Times New Roman font, size 12, single space. Maximum number of words for elementary level category is 500 (equivalent to 1 page short bond paper); for High School and College, maximum of 1000 words (equivalent to 1.5 to 2 pages)
3. **Time Allotment:**
 - o Elementary: 1 hour
 - o High School: 1.5 hours
 - o Collegiate: 2 hours
4. **Language:** All essays must be written **entirely in Kapampangan, except for words that have no Kapampangan equivalent.**
5. Participants are not allowed to bring or use any reference materials, electronic gadgets, or dictionaries.

V. Judging Criteria

Criteria Weight

Grammar and Language Use	40%
Organization and Structure	30%
Adherence to Theme	30%
Total	100%

VI. Theme/Topic: Will revolve around **culture, history, youth, literature or current social issues. But the topic will be announced at the venue of the contest.** The three categories will be given different topics

VII. Awards and Recognition

Winners in each category get the following cash prizes:

For each of every category (Elementary, High School and College)

- **First Prize College:** P 20,000 **High School** P 15,000 **Elementary:** P 10,000
- **Second Prize College:** P 15,000 **High School** P 10,000 **Elementary:** P 5,000

Winners shall also receive a **Certificate of Award**

All participants will receive a **Certificate of Participation.**

VIII. Other Rules

- Judges' decisions are **final and irrevocable.**
- Participants must maintain silence during the contest and refrain from eating and talking.
Once the contest starts, no one shall be allowed to leave the room.
- Latecomers will be admitted but will not be given an extension

IX. Important Dates

- Deadline for submission of school contestant's name (email to kapampangancenter@gmail.com) is on **August 15, 2026** with the following format:

Name of School: _____
School Head or Faculty Representative/Coach: _____
Name of Contestant: _____
Category: (Elem, HS, College): _____
Grade Level/ Year/Course: _____
Signature of School Head or Faculty Representative/Coach: _____

- On-the-Spot Essay Writing day is on **August 24, 2026**, Internet Room, University Library, 3rd Fl.,

San Francisco de Javier Building, Holy Angel University, Angeles City.

Elementary Level: 9:00 am to 10:00 am

High School Level: 10:30 am to 12:00 am

College Level: 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Please come at least 30 minutes before the time.

- Announcement and awarding of winners will be at the Aldo Ning Amanung Sisuan celebration on **September 16, 2026, 10:00 a.m. Café Juan, Holy Angel University.**

For inquiries, please contact:

Email: kapampangancenter@gmail.com or Phone: **+63-975-081-0613**

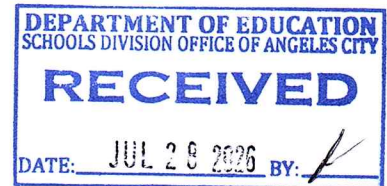
July 24, 2026



Engr. Edgard C. Domingo, PhD, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent
Schools Division Office

Subject: Request for Endorsement and Participation in the 2nd Conrado Nepomuceno Manankil Jr. On-the-Spot Kapampangan Essay Writing Contest

Dear Engr. Domingo:



Greetings of peace!

The TUNE KUNG KAPAMPANGAN organization respectfully requests your endorsement and support for the 2nd Conrado Nepomuceno Manankil Jr. On-the-Spot Kapampangan Essay Writing Contest, which will be held on August 5, 2026.

This annual competition aims to promote, preserve, and strengthen the Kapampangan language by encouraging students to express their appreciation of Kapampangan culture, history, and identity through essay writing. It also seeks to develop students' writing proficiency and cultural awareness while helping preserve our native language for future generations.

In this regard, we respectfully request your office to encourage all public elementary schools, junior high schools, senior high schools, and colleges under your division to participate in this meaningful activity by sending one (1) qualified student representative per category, in accordance with the contest guidelines.

This year marks the second year of this advocacy, and we are hopeful that, through your support, more schools and students will take part in preserving and promoting the Kapampangan language.

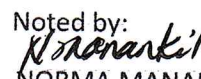
We sincerely appreciate your favorable consideration of this request. Thank you for your continued support of programs that promote our local language and cultural heritage.

Respectfully yours,


ALMA D. MERCADO

President

TUNE KUNG KAPAMPANGAN

Noted by:

NORMA MANANKIL

Founder

TUNE KUNG KAPAMPANGAN

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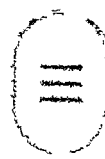
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