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REGIONAL FINALS OF SIRIB KEN SARIRIT 2026

The University of the Philippines Namnama (UP Namnama) is set to conduct the Regional Finals of its flagship event, the 44th Sirib Quiz Show and the 17th Saririt Cultural Festival, with the theme “Sumileng Sumilap: The Light That Refuses to Dim.”

This academic and socio-cultural gathering aims to provide a platform for the Ilocano youth to showcase their knowledge, creative talents, and appreciation for Ilocano heritage. Following the provincial eliminations held throughout January 2026 across the provinces of Abra, Benguet, Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, La Union, and Pangasinan, the Regional Finals are scheduled to take place on March 21-22, 2026, in the Province of La Union.

The competition is open to elementary, junior high school, and senior high school students, featuring a wide array of events including the Sirib Quiz Show, Essay Writing, Ilocano Poem Writing, Extemporaneous Speech, Declamation, and Oration. Cultural competitions will also be highlighted, such as Ilocano Folk Dance, Speech Choir, Rondalla Ensemble, Chorale, Music Video Making, and Short Film Making. Participants who qualified from the provincial eliminations must confirm their attendance through the official link at tinyurl.com/sks26-regionals, while registration for direct-to-finals events can be accessed via tinyurl.com/sks26-dtf. For a comprehensive list of rules and event details, the online copy of the competition handbook is available at tinyurl.com/sks26-regionals-handbook.

Participation of both public and private schools shall be subject to the no-disruption-of-classes policy as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005, entitled “Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith.” Furthermore, attendance is on a voluntary basis and must adhere to existing safety and health protocols.

Attached is the letter of invitation from UP Namnama.

For information.

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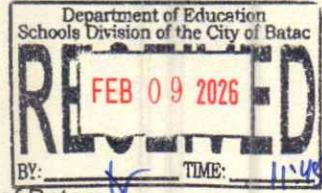
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ANSELMO R. ALUDINO, CESO VI

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Batac City, Ilocos Norte

Dear Mr. Aludino:

Nabara a kablaaw!

The University of the Philippines Namnama (UP Namnama) is the premier and longest existing Ilocano student organization in the University of the Philippines. As a duly recognized academic and socio-cultural organization, the organization is dedicated in fostering academic development and social awareness among the Ilocano youth to empower and help enrich the Ilocano heritage. Throughout its 52 years of service, the organization continues to spearhead initiatives and activities that provide academic and social growth amongst the Ilocano youth, as well as encourage awareness and appreciation of Ilocano heritage and culture.

In light of this, UP Namnama shall be conducting the Regional Finals of its flagship event, the 44th Sirib Quiz Show and 17th Saririt Cultural Festival, with the theme: **"Sumileng Sumilap: The Light That Refuses to Dim"** UP Namnama envisions this event as a platform for the Ilocano youth to showcase their knowledge on academics and relevant societal issues as well as their creative talents to a larger audience. The Regional Finals follow the six successful legs of the Provincial Eliminations held throughout January 2026 in the provinces of **Abra, Benguet, Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, La Union, and Pangasinan**. The Regional Finals are scheduled for **March 21-22, 2026** in the Province of **La Union**.

Sirib ken Saririt is the biggest academic and cultural event in Ilocandia, attracting more than 3500+ students from more than 180+ schools every year across six provinces, competing in 36 competitions. **Sirib** events, which aim to express the intellect of the Ilocano youth, include the annual Sirib Quiz Show, Essay Writing, Ilocano Poem Writing, Extemporaneous Speech, Impromptu Speaking, Declamation, and Oration. Furthermore, **Saririt** events, which will showcase Ilocano talent and creativity, include Traditional Poster Making, Short Story Writing, Ilocano Vocal Solo, Photojournalism, Rondalla, Ensemble, Chorale Competition, Ilocano Folk Dance, Speech Choir, Music Video Making, and Short Film Making. This event will be open for elementary, junior high school, and senior high school students.

As we envision the event to become a successful gathering of students for the promotion of the Ilocano heritage, UP Namnama invites you to share our faith and to help us achieve the success of our upcoming activities by giving us the **seal of endorsement of the Department of Education** and by releasing an advisory to inform schools under your jurisdiction about **Sirib ken Saririt 2026 Regional Finals**. We are also asking for your permission to **use the DepEd logo in our publicity materials**.



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We extend our sincerest gratitude for your assistance as it will ultimately help in the empowerment and advancement of this event for the Ilocano youth and the Ilocano heritage in general. We assure that your support and participation will be acknowledged throughout this undertaking. Should you have any questions, you may contact us through mobile at **+63 968 679 7907** or through email at **upnamnama.sks26@gmail.com**.

Attached are the guidelines for the various events of the competition for your reference. The online copy of the **competition handbook** can be accessed at tinyurl.com/sks26-regionals-handbook. **Registration for direct-to-finals events** (Ilocano Folk Dance, Speech Choir, Rondalla Ensemble, Chorale, and Music Video Making) can be accessed here: tinyurl.com/sks26-dtf. **Qualifiers from the provincial eliminations** will confirm their attendance through this form: tinyurl.com/sks26-regionals. We look forward to working with you in this undertaking.

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Agyaman kami la unay!

Yours in nation building,

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