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**37<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP**

Attached is a communication from Dr. Rosenda Agustin-De Gracia, President, IOTA PHI Counseling and Professional Honor Society, Inc., regarding the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and Workshops on October 10-11, 2024, at Xavier Sports and Country Club, Xavier States, Fr. Masterson Avenue, Upper Balulang, Cagayan de Oro City.

The activity aims to provide a platform to collaborate and exchange ideas, conduct interactive workshops that enhance practical knowledge focusing on evidence-based interventions and therapies, raise awareness about the mental health continuum through open discussions and presentations of experts, and facilitate networking to encourage partnerships. These partnerships will contribute significantly to the advancement of mental health services and support systems, empowering us all to make a real difference in the field.

Participation of both public and private schools shall be subject to the *no-disruption-of-classes policy* stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled *Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*.

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Considering that this is an Advisory, Schools Division Superintendents are given the discretion to act on this matter.

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Dear Dr. Fetalvero,

Warmest Greetings from the IOTA PHI Board!

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Board of IOTA PHI COUNSELING AND PROFESSIONAL HONOR SOCIETY, INC., the Philippine Chapter of Chi Sigma Counseling Academic and Professional Honor Society International based in North Carolina, USA. As an honor society of counseling professionals, we are committed to advancing the counseling profession through leadership, research, advocacy and clinical excellence.

Cognizant of the increasing rate of mental health issues and concerns not only in the Philippines but worldwide, and in line with our advocacy for wellness, IOTA PHI will be holding its 37<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference and Workshops on October 10-11, 2024, at Xavier Sports and Country Club, Xavier Estates, Fr. Masterson Ave., Upper Balulang, Cagayan de Oro City, with the theme "CELEBRATING LIFE: UNLEASHING THE POWER OF MENTAL HEALTH CARE."

This Conference is open to guidance counselors, guidance associates, counseling educators, Guidance Coordinators, teachers, psychologists, social workers, homeroom advisers, life coaches, community mental health workers and all other mental health advocates. It seeks to achieve the following objectives:

1. provide a platform for participants to collaborate and exchange ideas on best practices in mental health care;
2. conduct interactive workshops that enhance practical knowledge among participants focusing on evidenced-based interventions and therapies;

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3. raise participants' awareness about the mental health continuum through open discussions and presentations of experts in the field;
4. facilitate networking among participants to encourage partnerships that contribute to the advancement of mental health services and support systems.

Relative to the above, and trusting your leadership, and great concern for the personal and professional development of your constituents, we make bold to request for your kind endorsement of this program within your region. We strongly believe that with your passion and dedication, you could inspire and spark a fire among your guidance counselors and teachers who are undoubtedly desirous of enhancing their knowledge about mental health care for their personal and professional growth.

Attached herewith is a list of plenary and workshop topics which will be facilitated by our team of highly respected professionals and experts in the field of mental health counseling.

To cover expenses for the venue rental, honoraria of speakers and facilitators, conference materials, lunch and snacks for 2 days, as well as other operational costs, we are charging a minimal fee of Php 3,500.00 per participant. Payments may be made thru bank or Gcash under the ff. names:

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Interested participants may register online using the ff link:  
<https://bit.ly/IotaPhi37thAnnualConvention>

For further inquiries or reservations, they can contact the IOTA PHI Secretariat at [iotaphi.counseling@gmail.com](mailto:iotaphi.counseling@gmail.com), or call or email any of the ff members of the Board:

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On behalf of the IOTA PHI Board, I am extending my heartfelt gratitude for your kind support to our advocacy.

More power and God bless!

Sincerely yours,

  
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