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Target participants include all interested Guidance Counselors and Guidance Designates in public and private schools. The attendance of the interested participants shall be VOLUNTARY. Program of Activities is attached in DepEd RO1 Advisory No. 170, s. 2025 for reference. Registration details are listed below:

Registration	Active Member/ Senior/ PWD/ Student	Non-Member
Early Bird (Until November 20, 2025)	PhP 5,800.00	PhP 6,000.00
Regular rate/ onsite	PhP 6,000.00	PhP 6,500.00

Registration fees may be charged to MOOE or other local funds subject to the approval of the respective authorities, upon the availability, and adherence to the usual accounting rules and regulations.

For registration details and other queries, please contact Ms. Marie Chiela C. Malcampo, RGC, Convention Chair via email at [ipcap2018@gmail.com](mailto:ipcap2018@gmail.com).

Attached is the DepEd RO1 Advisory No. 170, s. 2025 for further reference.

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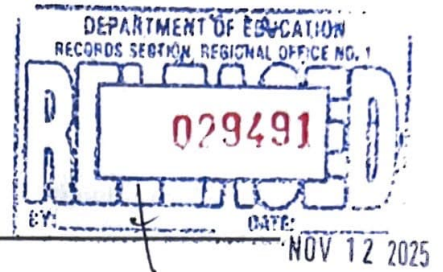
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**Integrated Professional Counselors Association of the Philippines (IPCAP), Inc.**  
**Registration # CN200811283**

**IPCAP 24th Annual National Convention**  
**February 18-19, 2026**  
**Paradise Garden Boracay Resort & Convention Center - Station 2, Malay, 5608 Aklan**

**Theme:** *"Well-being for All: Leveraging Technology to Democratize Mental Health Care Across Settings."*

**Objectives:**

1. *increase the self-reported confidence of participating mental health professionals in integrating digital mental health tools*
2. *ensure that participants can correctly identify the key components necessary for creating inclusive, technology-supported school-based mental health programs*
3. *foster a greater appreciation and sense of commitment among mental health professionals*

**DAY 1: February 18, 2026**

07:00 AM - 07:30 AM	REGISTRATION	IPCAP Secretariat
08:00 - 08:15 AM	Opening Ceremony Philippine National Anthem Doxology	AVP
	Welcome Address and Presentation of the Participants	<b>Marilyn N. Hari, Ph.D., RGC</b> <i>IPCAP Governing Council Chair</i>
	Message	<b>Hon. Luzviminda S. Guzman, Ed.D., RGC</b> <i>Chair, Professional Regulatory Board for Guidance and Counseling</i>
08:16 AM - 10:00 AM	Keynote Address: The Human Connection in the Digital World: Navigating the New Frontier of Filipino Mental Healthcare	<b>Luzlin P. Elcullada, Ph.D., RGC</b> <i>2024 PRC Outstanding Professional of the Year in Guidance and Counseling</i> University of San Carlos - Cebu
10:00 AM - 12:00 NN	Plenary Talk 1: Leveraging AI and Data for Mental Health Research and Intervention	<b>Chris John S. Bedoria, Ph.D., RGC, RPsy</b> <i>Guidance Services Specialist</i> University of the Philippines Diliman
12:00 PM - 01:00 PM	IPCAP Membership  Lunch	<b>Ms. Ma. Eleanor R. Panaiga, MA., RGC</b> <i>IPCAP Officer for Membership</i>

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01:00 PM – 02:00 PM	Research Presentation: Well-being for All: Leveraging Technology to Democratize Mental Health Care Across Settings	<b>Melisa S. Gonzales, MS., RGC</b> <i>Moderator</i> <i>De La Salle Lipa</i>
02:00 PM – 05:00 PM	Plenary Workshop 1: Building a Digital-Ready Practice: Competencies for Online Counseling, Coaching, and Mentoring	<b>Merimee T. Siena, Ph.D., RGC, RPsy, LPT</b> <i>SASO Director, Philippine Normal University</i> <i>Psychologist/Consultant, Ateneo Bulatao Center</i>

**DAY 2: February 19, 2026**

08:00 AM – 12:00 NN	Plenary Workshop 2: Navigating Physical and Digital Spaces: How to Identify and Respond to Mental Health Distress in Clients	<b>Chris John S. Bedoria, Ph.D., RGC, RPsy</b> <i>Guidance Services Specialist</i> <i>University of the Philippines Diliman</i>
12:00 PM – 01:00 PM	Oathtaking of new IPCAP Members	<b>Marilyn N. Hari, Ph.D., RGC</b> <i>IPCAP Governing Council Chair</i>
	Rose Gold Medal Awards	Von Karlo N. Gonzales, MS, RGC Fr. Bernardo C. Collera, SVD., RGC Maryfe M. Roxas, Ph.D., RGC. <i>Ex-Officio Governing Council Officers</i>
	Lunch	
01:00 PM – 03:30 PM	Plenary Workshop 3: Finding Wellness Beyond the Screen: Integrating Indigenous Rhythms for Mental Health	<b>Carlino G. Santos, Jr., Ph.D., RGC.</b> <i>Head, Student Welfare Services</i> <i>PNU North Luzon, Indigenous People's Hub</i>
03:30 PM – 04:30 PM	Plenary Talk 2: Creating Inclusive School-Based Mental Health Programs	<b>Venus M. Dis-aguen, RGC, LPT</b> <i>Senior Education Program Specialist</i> <i>Department of Education</i>
		<b>Jona Kristen M. Valdez, RGC, LPT</b> <i>Supervising Education Program Specialist</i> <i>Department of Education</i>
04:30 PM – 5:30 PM	Closing Message of Convention Chair	<b>Ms. Marie Chiela C. Malcampo, RGC</b> <i>Convention Chair</i>
	Awarding of Certificates to the Participants Save the Date Video Evaluation	<i>IPCAP Secretariat</i>