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SCHOOLS DIVISION OF VIGAN CITY

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but only for the information of DepEd officials,
personnel/staff, as well as the concerned public.

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLASTIC BANK SCHOOLS PROGRAM

This Division informs all concerned of a communication received from **Plastic Bank Philippines** dated February 4, 2026, for the implementation of the **Plastic Bank Schools Program**, supported by the **ZUG-SIG Project**, in public and/or private schools within the Schools Division of Vigan City.

The **Plastic Bank Schools Program** is a school-based plastic recovery initiative designed to:

- Engage learners, teachers, and school personnel in a structured and gamified recycling experience;
- Provide digital rewards for verified plastic collections;
- Generate formal recognition, including digital certificates and documented sustainability results;
- Strengthen the role of key school personnel in proper waste management; and
- Promote environmental awareness beyond the school through community participation.

The ZUG-SIG Project is supported by ZUG (Zukunft-Umwelt-Gesellschaft), a German government-owned non-profit agency mandated to supervise environmental and climate-related programs, including waste reduction initiatives.

In this regard, schools interested in participating in the said program may coordinate directly with Plastic Bank Philippines through **Mr. Paul Andrew Orpiada** at **0976-043-5470** or paulorpiado@plasticbank.com, for further details regarding implementation mechanics, requirements, and possible areas of collaboration.

This Advisory is issued for information, guidance, and appropriate action.

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Request for Schools Division Office Endorsement – Plastic Bank Schools Program (Supported by the ZUG–SIG Project)

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Dear Ma'am,

Good day!

I hope you are well. Attached is our formal request letter seeking the endorsement of your Schools Division Office for the implementation of the Plastic Bank Schools Program, supported by the ZUG–SIG Project, in selected schools within your Division.

We would appreciate the opportunity for a short 15-minute call at your convenience to briefly present the program and proposed rollout for your Schools Division.

Thank you, and we look forward to your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Paul Andrew Orpiada

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Dear Ma'am,

Good day!

On behalf of **Plastic Bank**, we respectfully seek the endorsement of your **Schools Division Office** for the implementation of the **Plastic Bank Schools Program**, supported by the **ZUG-SIG Project**, in selected public and/or private schools within your Division.

The Plastic Bank Schools Program is a practical and trackable school-based plastic recovery initiative that encourages environmental responsibility through a structured collection system and verified reporting. It is designed to integrate smoothly into existing school operations and can complement ongoing school initiatives on environmental education and proper waste management.

The program enables participating schools to:

- **Engage learners, teachers, and personnel** in a structured, gamified recycling experience that encourages participation and environmental leadership
- **Provide Digital Rewards** to participants for verified plastic collections (as applicable under program mechanics)
- **Generate formal recognition**, including digital certificates and documented results for verified plastic recovery and sustainability efforts
- **Recognize and support key school personnel**, particularly janitors and/or designated waste champions, whose role in proper waste management is strengthened through clear responsibilities and acknowledgment
- **Extend environmental awareness beyond the campus**, influencing households and the wider community through learner participation

The **ZUG-SIG Project** is a collaboration supported by **ZUG (Zukunft – Umwelt – Gesellschaft)**, a German government-owned, non-profit project management agency established by Germany's Federal Ministry for the Environment. ZUG is mandated to implement and supervise environmental and climate-related programs, including international initiatives on waste reduction and marine litter. ZUG partners with **SIG**, a global packaging solutions company, to support projects that help ensure recyclable materials are properly recovered and recycled. Through this collaboration, the project works across Southeast Asia to reduce plastic



waste and promote responsible recycling by supporting schools, communities, and institutions with incentive-based waste recovery systems.

In line with this, we respectfully request the assistance of the Schools Division Office through the following:

1. **Issuance of a Division endorsement** (e.g., Division Memorandum/Advisory) encouraging interested schools to participate in the Plastic Bank Schools Program supported by the ZUG–SIG Project;
2. **Designation of a Division focal person** to coordinate with Plastic Bank for orientation, implementation timelines, and school-level coordination; and
3. **Permission to conduct a short orientation** (virtual or in-person, as feasible) for school heads and/or designated coordinators to explain the mechanics, roles, reporting, and verification process.

We would be grateful for the opportunity to discuss this initiative further through a short **15-minute virtual meeting or call**, at your convenience, to present the implementation flow and proposed rollout for your **Schools Division Office**.

Thank you for your continued commitment to education and environmental stewardship. We look forward to the possibility of partnering with your **Schools Division Office** in advancing responsible plastic waste management through meaningful school participation. For confirmation or inquiries, you may contact me at **0976-043-5470** or **paulorpiada@plasticbank.com**.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul", with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Paul Andrew Orpiada
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