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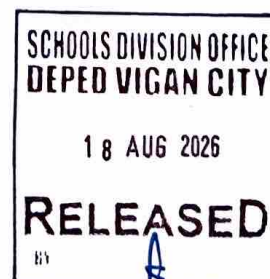
**SEARCH FOR ULIRANG GURO AT PAMBANSANG ULIRANG GURO 2026  
(SEASON 6)**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief Education Supervisors  
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to Regional Memorandum No. 972, s. 2026, this Division announces the conduct of the Search for Ulirang Guro at Pambansang Ulirang Guro 2026 (Season 6) of the Manila Teachers' Mutual Aid System, Inc. (MTMASI).
2. The Search seeks to recognize Filipino teachers who have demonstrated exemplary dedication, commitment, and outstanding contributions to the teaching profession and quality basic education.
3. The Search is open to permanent public school teachers from the elementary, junior high school and senior high school levels who have rendered at least five years of continuous teaching service, subject to the qualifications and requirements prescribed by the organizer. Interested teachers shall submit all requirements to the Division on or before September 28, 2026. The Division PRAISE Committee shall conduct evaluation and deliberation on September 28 -29, 2026.
4. The Division shall endorse one nominee to the Regional Office on or before September 30, 2026.
5. Attached is the Regional Memorandum for reference.
6. For information and guidance of all concerned.

**VILMA D. EDA, CESO V**  
Schools Division Superintendent

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PAMBANSANG ULIRANG GURO 2026 (SEASON 6)  
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**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

No. 972 s. 2026

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(SEASON 6)**

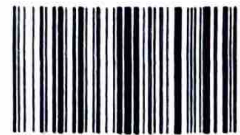
To: Schools Division Superintendents

1. In line with the request of the Manila Teachers' Mutual Aid System, Inc. (MTMASI) and pursuant to DepEd Advisory No. 128, s. 2026, this Office informs all concerned of the conduct of the **Search for Ulirang Guro at Pambansang Ulirang Guro 2026 (Season 6)**. The search seeks to recognize Filipino teachers who have demonstrated exemplary dedication, commitment, and outstanding contributions to the teaching profession and quality basic education.
2. In this regard, all Schools Division Offices are encouraged to disseminate the information to eligible teaching personnel on their respective divisions to ensure wider awareness and participation in the said search.
3. Attached to this Memorandum are the **DepEd Advisory No. 128, s. 2026** and other pertinent documents containing the guidelines and details of the activity for the information and guidance of all concerned.
4. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

For the Regional Director:

**RHODA T. RAZON**  
Director III

Encl.: As stated  
Reference: None  
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index:  
under the subjects:



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July 30, 2026



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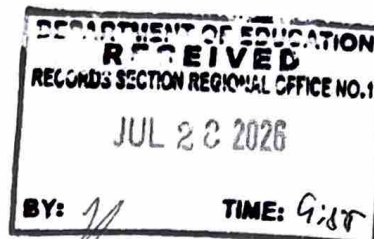
**MANILA TEACHERS' MUTUAL AID SYSTEM, INC.**

918 United Nations Avenue, Ermita, Manila

Tel. Nos.: 404-27-93 to 95

July 17, 2026

**ESTELA L. CARIÑO, CESO III**  
Regional Director  
Office of the Regional Director  
Department of Education, Region I  
Don Flores St., Catbangen, San Fernando City  
La Union



Dear RD Cariño,

Warm greetings!

We would like to express our thanks and appreciation for all the support extended by your good Office to our Association.

The Association will be conducting the **SEARCH FOR ULIRANG GURO AT PAMBANSANG ULIRANG GURO 2026 (Season 6)**, continuing to focus on recognizing our Filipino teachers who have exerted special admirable and herculean efforts in order to teach and educate the Filipino youth.

In this regard, may we respectfully request your good Office for the dissemination of information regarding this year's Search for Ulirang Guro at Pambansang Ulirang Guro 2026 (Season 6). We have attached DepEd Advisory No. 128 s. 2026 dated July 16, 2026 entitled: *Guro: Patuloy na Kaagapay sa Pagbabago at Kahusayan sa Edukasyon*, and other documents for further information on the aforesaid matter.

Your support will greatly contribute to the success of this initiative, as well as increase the awareness of the public on the significant efforts of public-school teachers in educating the youth.

I would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to join us during the Awarding Ceremony which will be held on **December 19, 2026, 12:00PM** at **Wack-Wack Golf and Country Club, Mandaluyong City**.

We hope for your favorable consideration of our request.

Respectfully,

  
**MARIA CARLA DENISSE P. LACSON**  
Board of Director  
2026 Search Committee



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Advisory No. **128**, s. 2026

July 16, 2026

In compliance with DepEd Order (DO) No. 8, s. 2013

This advisory is issued not for endorsement per DO 39, s. 2009,  
but only for the information of DepEd officials,  
personnel/staff, as well as the concerned public.  
(Visit [www.deped.gov.ph](http://www.deped.gov.ph))

**2026 SEARCH FOR ULIRANG GURO AT PAMBANSANG ULIRANG GURO  
OF THE MANILA TEACHERS' MUTUAL AID SYSTEM INC.**

The Manila Teachers' Mutual Aid System Inc. announces the 2026 Search for Ulirang Guro and Pambansang Ulirang Guro (Season 6). The national awarding ceremony will take place at the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club in Mandaluyong City on December 19, 2026.

With the theme, *Guro: Patuloy na Kaagapay sa Pagbabago at Kahusayan sa Edukasyon*, the activity aims to recognize outstanding public school teachers who exemplify excellence, dedication, integrity, innovation, and commitment to the teaching profession.

The Search is open to public school teachers from the elementary, junior high school, and senior high school levels who hold permanent appointments and have rendered at least five years of continuous teaching service, subject to the qualifications and requirements prescribed by the organizer.

The selection process includes evaluations at the school, division, regional, and national levels. School principals shall endorse qualified nominees to the schools division superintendents (SDS) on or before August 28, 2026. The SDS and regional directors shall endorse their selected nominees on or before September 30, 2026, and October 30, 2026, respectively.

The National Board of Judges shall convene on or before November 13, 2026, to select five finalists representing the National Capital Region, Northern Luzon, Southern Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao. Regional winners shall receive awards in their respective regions.

Interested participants may coordinate with their respective school heads and schools division offices regarding the nomination and endorsement process.

Participation of teachers from public schools shall be purely voluntary and will not hamper instructional time in compliance with the provisions of DepEd Order (DO) No. 009, s. 2026, titled *Guidelines on the Implementation of the Three-Term School Calendar in Basic Education* and DO 9, s. 2005 titled *Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*, and the policy on off-campus activities stated in DO 66, s. 2017.

This is also subject to the no-collection policy as stated in Section 3 of Republic Act No. 5546, also known as *An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Tickets and/or the Collection of Contributions for Whatever Project or Purpose from Students and Teachers of Public and Private Schools, Colleges and Universities (Ganzon Law)*, issued in DO 19, s. 2008, and reiterated in DepEd Memorandum No. 041, s. 2024.

For more information, please contact:

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## **2026 SEARCH for ULIRANG GURO at PAMBANSANG ULIRANG GURO Season 6**

The Manila Teachers' Mutual Aid System, Inc. (MTMASI) will hold its 6<sup>th</sup> annual search for Ulirang Guro at Pambansang Ulirang Guro with this year's theme:

**"Guro: Patuloy na Kaagapay sa Pagbabago at Kahusayan sa Edukasyon."**

### **I. INTRODUCTION:**

Manila Teachers' continues to uphold its commitment to honoring and recognizing teachers who embody the values of hard work, dedication, sacrifice, commitment and perseverance. Through this initiative, the organization seeks to highlight that teaching is not merely a profession, but a noble vocation capable of transforming lives and shaping the future of the nation.

The search aims to recognize exceptional teachers who have demonstrated admirable courage and extraordinary efforts in educating and nurturing the Filipino youth. More than professional competence, the award gives importance to the sacrifices, challenges, and hardships that teachers courageously face, endure, and overcome in the fulfillment of their mission as educators.

In 2016, Manila Teachers' launched the first-ever Ulirang Guro at Pambansang Ulirang Guro Search, which has since become an annual celebration honoring the heroic deeds and unwavering dedication of our modern-day heroes—the teachers.

The search is open to public school teachers from the elementary, junior high school, and senior high school levels who hold permanent appointments and have rendered at least five (5) years of continuous teaching service. Through this recognition, the organization aspires to inspire educators across the country to continue serving with passion, excellence, and compassion in molding future generations.

### **II. QUALIFICATIONS:**

The following are the qualification of a nominee:

1. Must be a Filipino citizen.
2. Must have obtained an average rating of at least four (4) in the Individual Performance Commitment and Review Form (IPCRF) for the past three (3) years.
3. Must not be on leave during the nomination period.
4. Must possess unquestionable integrity, supported by certifications or testimonials from three (3) disinterested stakeholders who can attest to and vouch for the nominee's reputable character.

5. Must not have been suspended or sanctioned for any violation of administrative policies, rules, or regulations.
6. Must have no pending criminal, civil, or administrative case.
7. Must not be the spouse or a first-degree relative of any officer or employee of Manila Teachers'.
8. Must not be a recipient of any national or international award from any award-giving body, whether government or non-government organization, within the past five (5) years.

### **III. HOW TO JOIN:**

1. The nominee must FILL OUT the nomination form (see ANNEX A) COMPLETELY and ACCURATELY
2. The nominee must submit an essay of at least 500 words, together with a documentary video detailing the sacrifices, challenges, and adversities they have faced, overcome, and endured as a teacher, as well as how they have positively impacted the lives of their learners.
3. The completed nomination form, video presentation, and other required documents must be submitted to the concerned School Principal for endorsement to the Schools Division Superintendent, who shall, in turn, select the best nominee and endorse him or her to the Regional Director.
4. The Regional Director shall select the Regional Winner and endorse the nominee to the National Board of Judges at the Manila Teachers' Head Office, located at 918 United Nations Avenue, Ermita, Manila.
5. The Ulirang Guro awardees for Southern Luzon, Northern Luzon, National Capital Region (NCR), Visayas, and Mindanao shall be selected from among the regional winners by the National Board of Judges.
6. The 2026 Pambansang Ulirang Guro shall be chosen from the five (5) winners representing Southern Luzon, Northern Luzon, National Capital Region (NCR), Visayas, and Mindanao.

### **IV. CRITERIA:**

1. **Personal Qualities** .....10%  
Serves as a model of morality and integrity while fostering good human relations within the school and community.



**Basis:** Testimonials or inspiring stories from parents, co-workers, alumni, government officials, barangay officials, and learners who have been inspired by the nominee.

2. **Exemplification of values and hard work .....60%**  
Demonstrates dedication, devotion, sacrifice, perseverance, and commitment that have positively transformed the lives of former learners.

**Basis:** Recent certified true copy of the IPCRF; testimonial letters as evidence from former pupils or students who have become successful in life or have achieved excellence; and a video presentation (USB copy) depicting the nominee's exemplary values and hard work.

3. **Professional Development .....20%**  
Engages in continuous self-improvement and professional growth in the field of education.

**Basis:** Certified true copy of the Transcript of Records; authenticated copies of certificates of trainings, seminars, and conferences attended related to the subject area being taught; and certificates of book authorship or research studies being implemented in the school, division, or region.

4. **Community Development .....10%**  
Recognizes active participation in community service, development initiatives, and voluntary work.

**Basis:** Concrete projects initiated by the nominee that have benefited the barangay or community, as certified by the Punong Barangay (PB), Zone Leader, Purok Leader, or Homeowners Association Officers.

#### **V. THE SEARCH PROCESS:**

1. The School Principal/School Head shall endorse the accomplished Nomination Form and other required documents of the nominee to the Schools Division Superintendent ON or BEFORE **August 28, 2026.**
2. The Schools Division Superintendent shall select and endorses the division nominee to the Regional Director ON or BEFORE **September 30, 2026.**
3. The Regional Director shall choose the best nominee from among those endorsed by the Schools Division Superintendent and endorse him/her to the National Board of Judges ON or BEFORE **October 30, 2026.**
4. The National Board of Judges shall convene ON or BEFORE **November 13, 2026** to choose five (5) nominees who will vie for the 2026 Pambansang Ulirang Guro awards representing Southern Luzon, Northern Luzon, The National Capital Region (NCR), Visayas and Mindanao.

5. All regional winners shall be awarded in their respective regions.
6. The five (5) finalists for Ulirang Guro at Pambansang Ulirang Guro (national winner) will be invited to the Proclamation and Awarding Ceremony which will be held on December 19, 2026 at Wack Wack Golf and Country Club, Mandaluyong City.

**VI. PRIZES:**

1. Pambansang Ulirang Guro (1 National Winner)
  - **Cash Prize: ₱200,000.00**
  - Plaque of Recognition
  - Bouquet/Lei
2. Ulirang Guro Finalists (5 Winners: Southern Luzon, Northern Luzon, NCR, Visayas and Mindanao)
  - **Cash Prize: ₱70,000.00**
  - Plaque of Recognition
  - Bouquet/Lei
3. Regional Awardees (All qualified winners at the regional level)
  - **Cash Prize: ₱30,000.00**
  - Plaque of Recognition
  - Bouquet/Lei

*All cash prizes are cumulative. A recipient who advances to the next level shall receive the total corresponding amount for all stages won.*

APPROVED BY:

  
**MARIA CARLA DENISSE P. LACSON**  
Chairperson





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**SEARCH FOR ULIRANG GURO AT PAMBANSANG ULIRANG GURO  
SEASON 6**

**NOMINEE'S INFORMATION FORM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Fill out the form completely. Use black ink and print legibly or encode in the computer.

**NOMINEE'S INFORMATION**

(MR./MS./MRS.) \_\_\_\_\_

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|       | Last Name | First Name | Middle Name |       |

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

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| _____ | _____            | _____    | _____ | _____    |
|       | House no./Street | Barangay | City  | Province |
|       |                  |          |       | Zip Code |

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_ PRC No. \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ School Address \_\_\_\_\_

Division \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_

**A. TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Present Position \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years in Teaching \_\_\_\_\_

Category: Kindergarten \_\_\_\_\_ Elementary \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/Year Level Being Handled \_\_\_\_\_ Major Field of Specialization (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

**B. EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION**

| DEGREE | SCHOOL/COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY | INCLUSIVE YEARS | REMARKS |
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**C. TRAININGS, SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES ATTENDED**

| TITLE | LEVEL<br>DIVISION/REG./NATIONAL/INT'L. | INCLUSIVE DATES | SPONSORING<br>AGENCY |
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**D. AWARDS RECEIVED IN THE LAST 5 YEARS**

| TITLE | LEVEL<br>DIVISION/REG./NATIONAL/INT'L. | INCLUSIVE DATES | SPONSORING<br>AGENCY |
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**E. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINEE**

I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge that all the information contained in this nomination form and the accompanying supporting documents are true and correct. I am aware that any willful misrepresentation of facts stated herein can be used as basis for my disqualification.

SIGNED THIS DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Place

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINTED NAME AND SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE





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***SEARCH FOR ULIRANG GURO AT PAMBANSANG ULIRANG GURO***

**NOMINATION FORM**

I \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
name of the nominator position/job title school

is honored to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ to the *SEARCH FOR ULIRANG GURO*  
name of nominee

*AT PAMBANSANG ULIRANG GURO.* This nomination is a tribute to his/her track record of excellence in the teaching profession and to his/her exemplary dedication which helped shape the future of the Filipino youth and their contribution to national development.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name and signature of nominator