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**Dear Incoming First Year Students,**

Congratulations! You passed the UPCAT, the most challenging college admission test in the Philippines. Welcome to the University of the Philippines Diliman, the flagship campus of the national university and the premier institution of higher learning in the country. You are about to beginyour college educationand of your life as *Iskolar ng Bayan*.

The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs (OVCSA) will guide and support you throughout your life in the University. The various units under the OVCSA coverthe major concerns that are relevant to your college life –scholarships, dormitories, counseling, mentoring, food service,opportunities for part-time work, student organizations anda multitude of extra-curricular activities.These units includethe Office of Counseling and Guidance (OCG), the Office of Student Housing (OSH), the Office of Scholarships and Student Services (OSSS), the Office of Student Activities (OSA), the Diliman Learning Resource Center (DLRC), the University Food Service (UFS) andthe Student Disciplinary Council (SDC).

On the succeeding pages are information sheets and forms which you need to accomplish as these are necessary for yourentry to UP.

Please be reminded that you are required to attend the Freshie Orientation Program (FOP) scheduled on Wednesday, 6 July 2016 at 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m., at the UP Film Institute Cine Adarna.

A Parents' Orientation Program (POP) will also be held while the FOP is taking place. We enjoin your parents/guardians to attend the said program to be held at the School of Economics Auditorium.

For the latest information on the start of classes, please visit **http://www.upd.edu.ph**. You may also visit, write, call,or email us at the OVCSA website **http://www.ovcsa.upd.edu.ph**.

Mabuhay ka, Iskolar ng Bayan! Ialay ang galing at talino sa sambayanan!

Sincerely,

**Dr. Neil Martial R. Santillan**
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs