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**Dear Incoming First Year Students,**

Congratulations! You passed the UPCAT, the most challenging college admission test in the country. Welcome to the University of the Philippines Diliman, the flagship campus of the national university, the premier institution of higher learning in the Philippines. You are about to begin your college education and a most exciting and significant chapter 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 cover all the concerns that are relevant to your college life – scholarships, dormitories, counseling, mentoring, food and health services, opportunities for part-time work, student organizations and a range of campus activities. These units are the 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 UP-DOST Core Group, the University Food Service (UFS) and the Student Disciplinary Tribunal (SDT),



On the succeeding pages are information and forms that are designed to guide you in your entry to UP. (The STFAP information is on the reverse side of this letter.) **You are strongly encouraged to confirm your enrolment online from February 13- March 16, 2012.** When you do, you will find a link to the OVCSA website where you will be able to access the same information and download the same forms.

**You are required to attend the Freshman Orientation Program (FOP) on the day designated for your group.** The advanced registration period for freshmen will be held from 7-11 May 2012 while the FOP is scheduled from 8-12 May 2012 at the **Bulwagang Tandang Sora, College of Social Work and Community Development**, with the following time schedule:

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| 8-11 May 2012 | 12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m. |
| 12 May 2012   | 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon |

You should attend the FOP on the day after your scheduled advanced registration. For example, if you are registering on 7 May, you should attend the FOP on 8 May. Your College will hold another freshman orientation. Watch out for the announcement of its schedule.

A **Parents' Orientation Program** will also be held while the FOP is going on. We enjoin your parents/guardians to attend the Parents' Orientation Program to be held at a venue close to the FOP.

Classes will begin on **11 June 2012**.

If you need help or more information, visit, write, call, or email us, or log on to the UP Diliman website [www.upd.edu.ph](http://www.upd.edu.ph) and the UP Diliman OVCSA website [www.upd.edu.ph/ovcsa](http://www.upd.edu.ph/ovcsa).

Mabuhay ka Iskolar ng bayan! I-alay ang galing at talino sa sambayanan!

Very truly yours,

**Prof. Ma. Corazon J. Tan**  
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs