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TO : **All UPLB Faculty, Staff, and Students**

SUBJECT : **DOH Advisory on Public Events and Gatherings**

To minimize the risk of contracting the 2019 Novel Corona Virus Acute Respiratory Disease (2019-nCoV ARD), the Department of Health (DOH) has issued an advisory strongly urging the public to avoid attending, participating in, and organizing events that draw a large number of attendees. The DOH also recommends the cancellation of such planned big events or mass gatherings until further advice. A copy hereof is attached for your reference.

As a precautionary measure against the 2019 nCoV, all UPLB constituents are advised to practice self-protection by following the DOH advisory.

For your guidance and compliance.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ADVISORY ON CONCERTS
AND OTHER PUBLIC EVENTS AND GATHERINGS**

With the ongoing threat of the spread of the 2019 novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV ARD), the Department of Health strongly urges the public to avoid attending, participating in, and organizing events that draw a huge number of attendees. The DOH likewise recommends the cancellation of such planned big events or mass gatherings until further advice.

To further minimize the risk of contracting 2019-nCoV ARD, the public is advised to avoid crowded places and continue to practice self-protection measures.

The DOH has set up a Command Center which will focus solely on 2019-nCoV ARD to expedite coordination and communication among government agencies involved in the response and management efforts.

We would like to assure the public that all measures to contain the potential spread of 2019-nCoV infection are being explored, studied, and implemented to keep the Filipino people safe from the threats of this infectious disease.


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