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To All PPhA Members, Local Chapters and Affiliate Organizations:

Warmest greetings!

The Philippine Pharmacists Association during its Strategic Planning last 24-25 August 2014, has adopted the **White Coat Ceremonies for Pharmacy Students** as one of its Special Events under the coordination of its Committee on National and Special Events.

The White Coat Ceremonies was introduced by the Young Pharmacists Group (YPG)-Philippines in 2010 to the incoming senior students of some schools of pharmacy in the country **to serve as a venue for professional socialization and as a means of inculcating to our future practitioners, the values of humanism and professionalism.**

It is the policy of PPhA to ensure the proper coordination and conduct of its National and Special Events. In line with this policy, the guidelines on the conduct of White Coat Ceremonies are provided on the next pages, for the guidance of all concerned persons and institutions.

Thank you very much for your usual support and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,


OLIVIA M. LIMUACO, RPh, PhD
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Guidelines on the Conduct of White Coat Ceremonies

1. Only incoming senior students, who will start taking clinical courses in pharmacy, are eligible to participate in the White Coat Ceremonies.
2. The simplicity and solemnity of the White Coat Ceremonies must be maintained at all times. The following is the standard program in conducting the event:
 - I. Processional
 - II. Invocation/Doxology
 - III. Philippine National Anthem
 - IV. Welcome Remarks by the Dean/Department Head/Program Chair
 - V. Message from a School Official/Administrator
 - VI. Message from either a YPG Representative or PPhA Officer/Board Member (*who must be wearing his/her pharmacist's coat*)
 - VII. Introduction of the Pharmacist-Guest Speaker
 - VIII. Message from the Pharmacist-Guest Speaker (*wearing his/her pharmacist's coat*)
 - IX. Cloaking of the Students who are accompanied by their Parents/Guardians (*the following may cloak the students: Dean/Department Head/Program Chair, YPG Representative, PPhA Officer/Board Member and/or Pharmacist-Guest Speaker; who must all be wearing their pharmacist's coats*)
 - X. Oath of a Pharmacy Student (*Inducting Officer may be the Pharmacist-Guest Speaker, YPG or PPhA Representative*)
 - XI. Closing Remarks
 - XII. Philippine Pharmacy Hymn (*Official PPhA AVP*)
 - XIII. Recessional
3. Expenses for the event (eg. coats, food, venue) must be kept at a minimum.
4. The School of Pharmacy must shoulder the travelling expenses and other incidental expenses of the guest speaker and the invited representative from YPG or PPhA.
5. The School of Pharmacy must communicate to the YPG Chair or PPhA President in requesting for the presence of YPG or PPhA to the event, **not less than one (1) month prior to the schedule of the event.** In case the YPG Chair or PPhA President cannot attend the event himself/herself, he/she will officially designate the YPG or PPhA Representative.
6. Please use the official "Oath of a Pharmacy Student" given below:



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Logo of the School

Name of the School

OATH OF A PHARMACY STUDENT

As a pharmacy student, I solemnly commit myself to be of service to all mankind through Pharmacy.

I will always show respect for others and use my judgement for the common good.

I will apply my knowledge, experience and skills to the best of my ability.

I will strive to acquire all the competencies expected from a professional pharmacist to ensure better health outcomes for my future patients/clients.

I will maintain the highest principles of moral, ethical and legal conduct.

I will embrace and advocate changes in the Pharmacy profession that redound to the improvement of patient care.

I take these vows voluntarily as I prepare for my career in Pharmacy with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by my family and my university.

So help me God.

Signature over Printed Name of Inductee

Sworn to me this ____ day of _____, 20____ during the White Coat Ceremonies of _____ held at _____.

Name of School

Signature over Printed Name of Inducting Officer