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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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TO : THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY  
FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL  
RE : UAAP SEASON 88 THEME SONG WRITING COMPETITION  
DATE : 23 April 2025

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The University of Santo Tomas is the official host of the UAAP Season 88, which is set to open in September 2025. This marks a significant milestone for the entire Thomasian community, as we once again take the lead in championing the values of excellence, camaraderie, and sportsmanship in collegiate athletics.

As part of the activities leading up to the opening, the University, through the *Institute of Physical Education and Athletics* (IPEA) and the *Central Committee on UAAP Season 88*, is pleased to launch the **UAAP Season 88 Theme Song Writing Competition**. This initiative invites all Thomasians—students, alumni, academic staff, and support staff—to contribute their creativity and musical talent to help shape the spirit of the season.

The theme song must encapsulate the essence of this year's official theme: **"Strength in Motion, Hope in Action."** The University is seeking compositions that not only inspire and energize, but also reflect the resilience, dynamism, and hopeful determination of the youth in these changing times. Participants are encouraged to create a musical piece that may serve as **the** anthem of triumph, unity, and hope for this historic season.

For more details on the mechanics, eligibility, and submission process, please refer to the **attached competition guidelines** and **promotional poster**.

Together, let us move with strength and act with hope.

Thank you.

FR. LOUIE R. CORONEL, OP  
Secretary-General



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ANNEX A  
UAAP SEASON 88 THEME SONG WRITING  
COMPETITION GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY

- The competition is open to all Thomasians—students, academic staff, support staff, officials, and alumni.
- Participants may join as individuals or as a group (maximum of five members).
- Each participant or group may submit only **one entry**.

SONG REQUIREMENTS

- The song must reflect the official UAAP Season 88 theme, *“Strength in Motion, Hope in Action.”*
- The lyrics may be in **English, Filipino, or a combination of both**.
- The entry must be an **original composition**. It must not have been published, performed publicly, or submitted to any other competition.
- The song must have a duration of **3 to 4 minutes**.
- It may belong to **any genre** suitable for a high-energy sports anthem (e.g., pop, rock, hip-hop, or fusion) and should be **dynamic and uplifting**.
- The lyrics must be **positive and inspiring** that celebrate **sportsmanship, determination, and unity**.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A **full recording** of the song (demo or final version) in **MP3 or WAV format**. (*Professional studio recording is not required, but clarity is essential.*)
- A **typed lyric sheet** in **PDF or Word format**.
- A short **composer’s statement** (100–150 words) explaining the inspiration behind the song and how it embodies the theme.
- A **duly accomplished entry** [Google form](#) with the participant’s full name(s), proof of Thomasian affiliation (e.g., ID for students/academic staff/support staff, alumni certificate, etc.) and contact details.
- All submissions must be sent via email [[uaapseason88songwriting@gmail.com](mailto:uaapseason88songwriting@gmail.com)] with the subject line: UAAP Season 88 Theme Song – [Composer’s Name].

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

- Entries must be submitted via the official competition email or online portal.
- All entries must be submitted on or before **31 May 2025**.
- Late entries will not be accepted.





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### JUDGING CRITERIA

- Entries will be evaluated based on the criteria specified below:
  1. Relevance to Theme (30%): How well the song captures the essence of 'Strength in Motion, Hope in Action.'
  2. Musicality (30%): Melody, harmony, rhythm, and overall musical arrangement.
  3. Lyrics (20%): Depth, creativity, and clarity of the lyrics.
  4. Originality (10%): Uniqueness and creativity in composition.
  5. Emotional Impact (10%): Ability to evoke emotions and connect with the audience.

### AWARD AND RECOGNITION

- The winning entry will receive a cash prize of **PHP 30,000** and **official recognition**.
- The winning song will be performed during the **UAAP 88 Opening Ceremonies** and featured in various events and promotional materials throughout the season.

### ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES

- All submitted entries will become the property of the organizers and may be used for promotional or institutional purposes.
- By joining, participants grant the organizers the right to use their names, likenesses, and entries for publicity and documentation.
- Plagiarism or infringement of intellectual property rights will result in disqualification.
- The decision of the board of judges is final and irrevocable.





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ANNEX B  
UAAP SEASON 88 THEME SONG WRITING  
COMPETITION POSTER

The poster features a large, stylized graphic at the top with a red and teal shield-like shape, a red piano keyboard, and musical notes. Below this, the logos of the University of Santo Tomas, the UAAP, and the UAAP Season 88 logo are displayed. The main text reads 'CALLING ALL Thomasians!' in large green letters, with 'Thomasians!' in a cursive script. Below this, it says 'Show off your musical talent in the 88th UAAP Theme Song Writing Competition!' and 'Compose a song that embodies unity, perseverance, and hope for UAAP Season 88: "Strength in Motion, Hope in Action."'.

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*Thomasians!*

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Theme Song **Writing Competition!**

**Compose a song** that embodies unity, perseverance, and hope  
for UAAP Season 88: **"Strength in Motion, Hope in Action."**

OPEN TO STUDENTS, FACULTY, ALUMNI & STAFF!  
SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MECHANICS & DETAILS.