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TO: THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY

FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

RE : *PAUTAKAN* 2025

DATE : 25 April 2025

The University, through *The Varsitarian*, is pleased to announce the **45**th **edition of** *Pautakan*, the longest-running intercollegiate quiz contest. The event will be held on **28 April 2025 (Monday)**, from **8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**, at the **Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati**, **O.P. Auditorium**.

Since its inception in 1977, *Pautakan* has served as a distinguished platform for celebrating Thomasian intellectual excellence, fostering camaraderie, sportsmanship, and magnanimity among the University's academic units. This year, the competition features six (6) subject categories—Humanities, History, Science, Mathematics, UST History, and General Information—and will consist of two rounds: the *Eliminations* in the morning and the *Finals* in the afternoon, where top-performing teams will vie for the championship.

Sixteen (16) academic units will participate in this year's competition, namely: UST-AMV College of Accountancy, College of Architecture, Faculty of Arts and Letters, Faculty of Civil Law, College of Commerce and Business Administration, College of Education, Faculty of Engineering, College of Information and Computing Sciences, Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, Conservatory of Music, College of Nursing, Faculty of Pharmacy, Institute of Physical Education and Athletics, College of Rehabilitation Sciences, College of Science, and College of Tourism and Hospitality Management.

To ensure broader engagement, *Pautakan* 2025 will also be livestreamed via <u>The Varsitarian</u> and <u>Tiger TV</u> Facebook pages and broadcast on campus televisions, with the assistance of the UST Communications Bureau and Tiger Media Network.

In the spirit of *Veritas in Caritate*, let us continue to uphold the Thomasian tradition of excellence in scholarship and spirited competition. Inspired by St. Thomas Aquinas, may the goodness we cultivate in knowledge and camaraderie radiate through all our endeavors (cf. *S. Th.*, I, q.5, a.4).

Pope Francis reminds us, "Education is an act of love, and thus it is an act of hope" (*Global Compact on Education*, Vatican City, 16 December 2020). May this year's *Pautakan* ignite our passion for learning and inspire us to always seek knowledge with hope and dedication. Thank you.

FR. LOUIE R. CORONEL, OF Secretary-General



