

## **PUBLIC ADVISORY**

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Ateneo de Manila University received reports of a scam that unlawfully uses the name and logo of the University and the names of its alumni. The scam operates as follows:

- Students are invited by e-mail or messaging application to participate in a song cover or research competition, supposedly organized by Ateneo de Manila in cooperation with professional volleyball players who are its alumni.
- The winners of the competition are promised a brand-new car, a scholarship at Ateneo de Manila, supply of products, Ateneo shirts and sports apparel, and cash.
- The application process requires the submission of the student's ID, birth certificate, marriage certificate of the student's parents, and other documents supposedly required for passport application and for contract signing with the university.

The University did not organize these competitions and did not authorize any of its employees or representatives to make any such representations.

The professional volleyball players who are University alumni also did not organize these competitions and did not authorize any of their representatives to make any such representations.

Duly authorized officials of Ateneo de Manila reported the scam to the appropriate law enforcement authorities. We are encouraging individuals who were victimized by the scam to report the same to the PNP Anti-Cybercrime Group at acg@pnp.gov.ph or the nearest police station.

For inquiries, please contact legal@ateneo.edu.