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SUBJECT TALAB 2024

It has been nine years since Pope Francis issued his encyclical *Laudato Si'* and it has been two years since the Ateneo de Manila University committed to becoming a *Laudato Si'* University by the year 2030. In preparation for the tenth anniversary of this important encyclical and to understand better what we can do to become a *Laudato Si'* University, the theme for this year's Talakayang Alay sa Bayan (TALAB) is *Integral Ecology: Caring for Our Common Home*.

Most of the activities for this year's TALAB will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2024. On that day, regular undergraduate classes will be replaced by TALAB activities. Graduate classes will proceed as scheduled. In order to ensure that all students will have slots, TALAB activities will run from October 14-31 but undergraduate classes will only be replaced by TALAB activities on October 15. Regular undergraduate classes proceed as scheduled on the other dates.

Departments, centers, and offices across the University, as well as organized Ateneo student groups are encouraged to contribute activities for this year's TALAB. Activities may take the form of trips, workshops, performances, film showings, and talks or panel discussions. Proposals may be submitted via go.ateneo.edu/TALAB2024Proposal. The deadline for submission is September 30, 2024.

Undergraduate students are expected to attend at least four hours of TALAB activities. Faculty members, formation professionals, departments, and programs are encouraged to require or incentivize participation of their students. Those who wish to do so may inform the TALAB organizers through this Google Form: (go.ateneo.edu/TALAB2024Incentives)

TALAB is being organized through the Office of the Assistant Vice President for Social and Environmental Engagement for Development and Sustainability (OAVP-SEEDS) in the Mission Integration cluster, in partnership with the Sanggunian ng Mag-aaral ng mga Paaralang Loyola and the Council of Organizations of the Ateneo - Manila. Inquiries regarding TALAB

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2024 may be sent to the OAVP-SEEDS at seeds@ateneo.edu. All succeeding updates on TALAB will be released from this office.

Let us come together and heed the call of Pope Francis to care for our common home!