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4th Pambansang Gawad sa Ulirang Kabataan awardees out

Five students from among 31 high school nominees from public and private schools were chosen winners in the Fourth Pambansang Gawad sa Ulirang Kabataan by the Department of Education – Special Events Unit at the DepEd SENTRO K3 Exhibit Area, Luneta Park, Manila today.

The winners are Paul Julian Hao of Chiang Kai Shek College, Manila, National Capital Region (NCR); Benralph Yu of Davao City National High School, Davao City, Region 11; Stephen Panol of Fort Bonifacio High School, Makati City, National Capital Region (NCR); Jamil Repors of Kidapawan National High School, Kidapawan City, Region 12; and Kate Marie Benitez of Samal National High School, Region 11.

The awardees are all achievers, leaders and active community workers. All graduated with top honors in their secondary schools last year.

DepEd Assistant Secretary Jonathan Malaya said the Pambansang Gawad recognizes the achievements and contributions of the nation's outstanding students in their school and community.

"Our young people are looking for role models and these Gawad awardees are here for all the Filipino youth to emulate," Malaya added.

The national winners went through a rigid process. The criteria for selection were personality and character – 20 percent, critical thinking – 10 percent, rhetoric – 10 percent, quality and content – 10 percent and credentials - 50 percent.

Some five evaluators, eight interviewers and three judges from the academe, the government and private sectors were invited during the three-day selection process.

The judges during the final interview were Commissioner Raul Dominic Badilla of the National Youth Commission, Atty Pablo Trillana of the Asian Development Bank of the Philippines and Justice Antonio Nachura of the Department of Justice.

The Pambansang Gawad coincides with the observance of the 110th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence.

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