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16TH PHILIPPINE MATHEMATICAL OLYMPIAD (PMO)

The Mathematical Society of the Philippines (MSP) will hold its *16th Philippine Mathematical Olympiad (PMO)* this School Year 2013-2014. The Competition is open to secondary school students nationwide.

The PMO aims to:

1. stimulate the improvement of Mathematics education in the country by awakening greater interest in, and appreciation of, Mathematics among students and teachers;
2. identify and motivate the mathematically gifted;
3. identify potential participants to the International Mathematical Olympiad;
and
4. encourage involvement of public and private sectors in the concerted promotion and development of Mathematics education.

This will be carried out in the following three stages:

Stage	Date	Description
Qualifying Stage	October 12, 2013 Saturday	The <i>Elimination Stage</i> is a two-hour multiple choice examination consisting of 30 questions, 15 of these questions are worth 2 points each, 10 are worth 3 points each and 5 are worth 6 points each. This competition will be among high school students in each area (Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao, and NCR). There will be at least one testing site in each of the regions.
Area Stage	November 16, 2013 Saturday	The <i>Area Stage</i> is a three-hour written competition consisting of 20 questions worth 2 points each and three open-ended questions worth 8 points each. There will be testing centers in each of the regions with qualifying participants.
National Stage	January 25, 2014 Saturday	The <i>National Stage</i> is a written and oral competition among the top twenty participants (national ranking) of the area stage. This competition will be held in Metro Manila. Test development (preparation, analysis and evaluation of questions and problems to be used in the competition) begins in August 2013.

The winners of the PMO will automatically be qualified to join in the Mathematics training team for the 2014 International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO). The IMO is the largest and most prestigious international Mathematics competition among secondary school students from all over the world. Competition is open to secondary school students nationwide. The representatives of the country to the IMO will be selected from a pool of high school students who will undergo intensive Mathematics training during the Summer of 2014.

Participation of both public and private schools shall be subject to the no-disruption-of-classes policy as stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 entitled *Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*.

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