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11th SERIES OF THE EASTERN VISAYAS DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIP

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is a letter from Dr. Virgilio E. Sabalo, Dean of the University of the Philippines Visayas Tacloban College, Tacloban City, inviting students to the 11th Series of the Eastern Visayas Championship with the theme "Challenging the Status Quo" on February 17-19, 2017 (Friday-Sunday) which will be held at their University Arts and Sciences Conference Hall.
2. Considering that this is an Advisory, the Schools Division Superintendents are given the discretion to act on this matter.
3. Immediate dissemination of this Advisory is desired.


RAMIR B. UYTICO, Ed. D., CESO IV
OIC-Regional Director

Copy furnished:

Kiwanis Abunda
Prime Minister
UP Tacloban Debate Society
UP, Tacloban City



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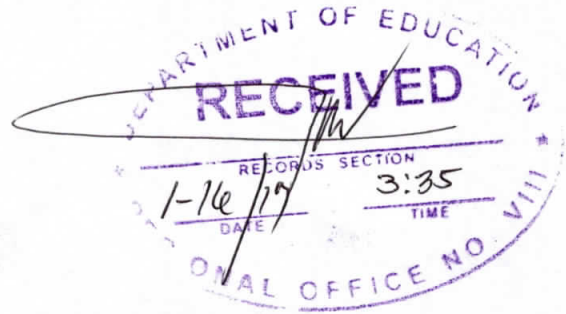


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January 3, 2017

DR. RAMIR B. UYTICO, CESO IV
OIC - Regional Director
Department of Education, Regional Office
Palo, Leyte



Dear Sir:

Greetings!

The **University of the Philippines Tacloban Debate Society (UPTDS)**, the top debate varsity in Eastern Visayas, will host the 11th series of the **Eastern Visayas Debate Championship**, the biggest Asian Parliamentary debate tournament in the region. The tournament will be held on **February 17-19, 2017** (Friday – Sunday) at the **University of the Philippines Visayas – Tacloban College (UPVTC)**.

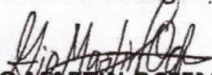
It has been over a decade since the first ever debate championship started here in Tacloban, and yet our goal to ignite and spread the passion for debate among every student never ceased. Now, Eastern Visayas has truly become a breeding ground for many successful debaters in the country. However, the UPTDS firmly believes that the region still has a lot of people to reach, and a lot of potentials to offer. On its 11th series with the theme “Challenging the Status Quo,” this tournament will test the abilities of High School and College debaters to think strategically in dire situations regarding the issues and anomalies on the existing norms in our society. Competing students will engage in a great learning activity that will further improve and enrich their skills in debating. Moreover, the purpose of this event is to help the students in their future endeavors as critical thinkers and average reasonable persons.

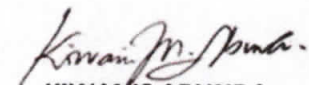
We humbly request your good office, as you have done for the previous tournaments and the PDU workshop we hosted on September, to help us encourage more institutions to join in this event & have the tournament endorsed to all secondary education institutions under your jurisdiction/supervision. Also, it has always been a goal for a long time for debate to eventually reach the **entirety of Eastern Visayas**, including the institutions in the Samar provinces, and not be centralized on Tacloban & Naval. The organization believes that this endeavor is a shared goal that is geared towards the fulfilment of the youth’s role in nation-building and the Philippine society’s aspiration to become globally competitive.

Attached herewith is a summary of all the information, registration details, and the official invitation for the participating institutions. Should you wish to clarify anything regarding the event, you may contact the Society through the following number: **0906 667 7100**. You may also reach us via e-mail at **uptacdebatesociety@gmail.com**.

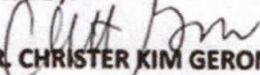
Thank you for your continued and unwavering support!

Towards a stronger Eastern Visayas Debate Community,

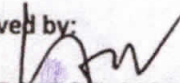

GIO MARTIN OCFEMIA
Tournament Convener
11th Eastern Visayas Debate Championship – Asian Parliamentary


KIWANIS ABUNDA
Prime Minister
UP Tacloban Debate Society

Noted By:


MR. CHRISTER KIM GERONA
Adviser
UP Tacloban Debate Society

Approved by:


DR. VIRGILDO E. SABALO
Dean
UP Visayas Tacloban College



Summary of Tournament Details

The University of the Philippines Tacloban Debate Society (UPTDS) will be hosting an annual debate tournament in the Eastern Visayas. The tourney, entitled EVDC 11: Challenge Status Quo, will be held from February 17-19, 2017 at the UP Visayas Tacloban College. Three (3) champion debaters around the Philippines will be invited as the adjudication core of the 3-day event. Each member of the adj core is expected to discuss special debate topics assigned to them and judge the tournament on a professional level. At the last day of the tourney, on the third day, a championship dinner will be conducted as the closing part of the event.

Participants from both High School and College schools in the region, whether public or private, are expected to participate. Each participating individual must pay their corresponding registration fees to be able to join the tournament. Three (3) registration packages have been prepared. First, for observers or participants who would only like to watch or listen debate rounds will only be given one (1) lunch, two (2) snacks, and a debate kit plus a seminar. Second, for participants who would wish to stay-out or would not avail of hotel accommodations, a registration fee of Php 1500.00 inclusive of three (3) lunches, six (6) snacks, a guaranteed debate kit and seminar, and a championship dinner. Lastly, For stay-in participants or for those who would avail of hotel accommodations, a registration fee of Php 2700.00 will cover three (3) nights hotel stay, three (3) lunches, six (6) snacks, a debate kit and seminar, as well as a championship dinner. However, Walk-ins, individuals who never accomplished any one of the phases shall pay for the package of stay-out at PHP 2,350.

This tournament has two main objectives. First, it aims to strengthen debating as a sport in Region VIII. This objective is specifically targeted to both High Schools and Colleges in the region with already existing and active debate societies or organizations. UPTDS believes that this tournament will be an opportunity for students to develop their skills in debating and adjudicating. Secondly, this tournament also aims to introduce debate and public discourse to secondary and tertiary schools without existing debate societies. This objective is also in line with UPTDS' vision of igniting the passion of the youth to be more socially involved in relevant discussion of current issues and also to help develop the stance of the youth on topics of important societal concern.

Finally, this activity is non-profit and is only directed at serving the best interest of the youth sector through debate as a medium.



Registration Details

The registration process for the EVDC 11: Challenge Status Quo will follow two (3) phases for the filling out of registration forms of participating schools, students, and coaches and the payment process for the registration fees.

For Phase 1, institution representatives must accomplish the registration form posted in EVDC 11: Challenge Status Quo, the official Facebook group of the tournament. Representatives of respective institutions will be notified once their schools have successfully registered.

For Phase 2, the payment of 50% of total registration fee of each participating institution must be deposited to the UPTDS bank account by the end of the 2nd phase. Bank account details will be posted on the FB group before the start of Phase 2. Additionally, institution representatives must send a scanned copy of the deposit slip to the UPTDS email address. During this time, accommodations for the stay-in participants will also be booked.

For Phase 3, the rest of the entire payment must be given or deposited to the UPTDS bank account by the end of the 3rd phase, and steps will be followed like that of Phase 2 regarding instructions on depositing. This is to assure the rest of the registration packages including the food and the debate kits/

Finally, the organizing committee will follow a No Refund Policy and a penalty of 150 PHP shall be imposed among individuals who failed to pay on time. This is to ensure the efficiency and financial stability of the organizing committee throughout the event.



Official Invitation to EVDC 11: Challenge Status Quo

Greetings!

In a society where indigenous communities are displaced, refugees denied of human rights, and racial and gender discrimination trumped among liberal democracies, the ability to think critically and challenge the status quo becomes a necessity for the youth to transcend as an integral part in nation building. Now is the best time to invest in our youth's competence in materializing the common future we envision.

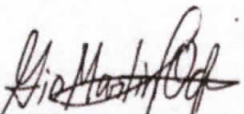
Anent to this, the University of the Philippines Tacloban Debate Society (UPTDS) proudly invites you to the most prestigious, and the longest running Asian Parliamentary debate tournament in the region: the Eastern Visayas Debate Championship 11.


It has been over a decade since the first regional debating championship in Eastern Visayas started. Still, the ultimate goal to ignite and spread the passion for debating has never ceased. Within the past few years, the love for debate eventually led to hosting various debate seminars and tournaments, where many debate varsities have risen, contributing to a more diverse debate community. Now, Eastern Visayas has truly become a breeding ground for many successful debaters in the country.

Now on its 11th series, EVDC Asians with the theme "Challenge Status Quo" is set to be held on the 17th - 19th of February 2017, at the University of the Philippines Visayas-Tacloban College (UPVTC).

Should you have inquiries, you may contact the society through the undersigned at 0935 526 6353 or 0912 239 9730. You may also send an email to uptacdebatesociety@gmail.com.

We look forward to setting the bar higher with you!


Gio Martin Ocfemia
Tournament Convener


Salvacion Lycca Teñoso
Tournament Director



TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DAY 1: Feb 17

8:00-9:00 AM	REGISTRATION AND OPENING CEREMONIES
9:00-10:00 AM	DEBATE AND ADJUDICATION SEMINAR
10:00-11:00 PM	MOCK DEBATE 11:00-12:00 NN ADJ EXAM
12:00-1:00 PM	LUNCH
1:00-2:00 PM	MOCK DEBATE AND ADJ EXAM RESULTS
2:00-4:30 PM	ROUND 1

DAY 2: Feb 18

8:00 AM	CALL TIME
8:30-10:30 AM	ROUND 2
10:30-12:30 PM	ROUND 3
12:30-1:30 PM	LUNCH
1:30-3:30 PM	ROUND 4
3:30-5:30 PM	ROUND 5

DAY 3: Feb 19

9:00 AM	CALL TIME
9:30-10:00 AM	RELEASE OF BREAKS
10:00 - 12:00 NN	OPEN PRE-QUARTERFINALS
12:00-1:00 PM	LUNCH
1:00-3:00 PM	OPEN QUARTERFINALS HIGH SCHOOL SEMIFINALS
3:00-6:00 PM	OPEN SEMIFINALS AND HIGH SCHOOL GRAND FINALS
7:00 - 8:00 PM	CHAMPIONSHIP DINNER
8:00- 10:00 PM	EVDC 11 GRAND FINALS
10:00 - 11:00 PM	AWARDING CEREMONY

EVDC 11 REGISTRATION PACKAGES

STAY IN	STAY OUT	OBSERVER
- 2,700 pesos -	- 1,500 pesos -	- 300 pesos -
✓ Hotel Accommodation for 3 Nights	✓ 3 Lunches	✓ 1 Lunch
✓ 3 Lunches	✓ 6 Snacks	✓ 2 Snacks
✓ 6 Snacks	✓ Debate Kit & Seminar	✓ Debate Kit & Seminar
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NOTE: Walk-ins, or Individuals who never accomplished any one of the phases, shall pay for the package of stay-out at PHP 2,350.



REGISTRATION PROCESS

PHASE 1 - CONFIRMATION PROCESS

JAN 16 - JAN 23

- Participating institutions must confirm their attendance for the tournament. Institutions are requested to submit the accomplished forms given by a UPTDS representative, or fill out the google form posted in the Eastern Visayas Debate Union group, or at the official group of the tournament: Eastern Visayas Debate Championship 11: Challenge Status Quo.

PHASE 2 - 50% PAYMENT

JAN 23- FEB 2

- We shall require at least 50% partial payment upon confirmation of your attendance. The org shall post days before the end of the first phase its official bank account wherein a scanned document of proof of payment should be sent at the email provided. A penalty of 150 PHP shall be imposed among individuals who failed to pay on time.

PHASE 3 - FULL PAYMENT

FEB 3-FEB 12

- Institutions are to pay the remaining 50% balance of the registration fee within the time frame indicated above. Payments may be done in the same manner as the preceding phase. A penalty of 150 PHP shall be imposed among individuals who failed to pay on time.

TOURNAMENT DETAILS

- ✓ **5 Teams cap** per institution
- ✓ **36 Teams Tournament Cap**
- ✓ **Adj rule N - 1** (Each team must have one registered adjudicator. Fine for a ghost adj is half the stay out registration fee)

The Org Comm Heads

- **Gio Martin Ocfemia - CONVENER**
- **Salvacion Lycca Teñoso - TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR**
- **Freddie Mark Fallore - FINANCE**
- **Michael Jay Matol - OPERATIONS HEAD**
- **Leonardo Dimatangal Jr. - OPERATIONS HEAD**
- **Mae Ann Shailyn Pazon - FOOD HEAD**
- **May Angelique Tan - ADJ CORE ATTENDANT**