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REGIONAL ADVISORY
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SUBJECT: REQUEST TO JOIN THE 40TH MINDANAO PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIP (MPDC)

TO: ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
This Region

1. The Surigao Youth Convergence together with St. Paul University Surigao (SPUS) will be hosting a debate tournament in Surigao City on its 40th year.
2. For this year, the elimination and final rounds of the Mindanao Parliamentary Debate for the High School and College category will be held on September 27-30, 2019 at SPUS. The debate will be using the British Parliamentary Debate Format.
3. In this connection, this office encourages the participation of the debating teams from the schools within your jurisdiction provided the activity shall abide by the "No Collection Policy" of DepEd.
4. For more details, please refer to the attached letter request of the MPDC.
5. For your information and guidance.


for **FRANCIS CESAR B. BRINGAS, CESO V**
OIC – Regional Director

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June 18, 2019

FRANCIS CESAR B. BRINGAS, CESO V
Regional Director
Department of Education - Caraga
Butuan City



Dear Director Bringas:

Greetings of Peace!

The Surigao Youth Convergence together with the Saint Paul University Surigao will be hosting a debate tournament in Surigao City on its 40th year. This bi-annual debate championship, dubbed as the Mindanao Parliamentary Debate Championship, is open to High School and College students from public and private high schools and colleges in the island of Mindanao— thus includes Caraga Region.

For this year the elimination and final rounds for the High School and College Category will be held on September 27-30, 2019 at SPUS. The Debate will be using the British Parliamentary Debate Format.

In view of this, may we request your good office for an **ENDORSEMENT** to hold the 40th MINDANAO PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIP (MPDC) on the date indicated above to your institutional constituents to join the said competitions? Attached is a copy of the Program of Activities and the concept note for your perusal.

The undersigned would be much willing to discuss with you the possible partnership with regards to the subject above. You can contact us at +639 17 841 0973 or surigaoyouthconvergence@gmail.com. Also attached is our organizational background for your information.

Furthermore, we respectfully request your valuable presence during the event.

May this request for endorsement and your valuable presence merit your consideration.

Yours in progress,

A handwritten signature in black ink.

RAKIY G. ADOLFO

Executive Director, Surigao Youth Convergence
Tournament convener
Mindanao Parliamentary Debate Championship (MPDC)

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ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND

Surigao Youth Convergence is a nonprofit non-governmental organization founded, led, and composed by young people from Surigao del Norte, Philippines. Registered under Securities and Exchange Commission and is a partner to quite a number of organizations in the province and beyond. The organization seeks to incorporate these seven focused issues taken from the United Nations' sustainable development goals – health, education and youth participation, poverty alleviation, environment, employment, human rights, and peace and development – to the province of Surigao del Norte with young people as the crucial players in their integration. SYG organized a project for each of these goals to attain more efficiently its objectives. For the climate action, for instance, SYG has established the Cellophane and Plastic Free Surigao Campaign to free the city from the destructive effects of plastic usage. SYG penned down objectives to achieve in the realization of the project. The campaign's objectives include media engagements to promote the campaign, school-to-school caravan, research on the availability of the ordinance, and policy advocacy on the total ban of cellophane and plastic. The organization have organized 7 peace caravans throughout the province of Surigao del Norte bringing the idealism that peace should be understood of this generation so they can bring peace in the future. We also have organized a Debate competition that aims to develop young people's critical thinking skills and to also be able to knowledgeable of the societal issues nowadays. The organization also partnered with other local organizations to conduct programs and advocacies for young people's development.

SYG continues to strive to accomplish these objectives while working simultaneously but carefully on the other projects on the other focused issues. The financial incapacity of the organization is impeding the full progress of its projects, however, SYG partners with different organizations and donors that willingly back the financial facet of the projects. The organization also constantly looks for other ways to support its projects through tapping partnerships and exposing the organization to the local government and on social media through small-scale activities like tree planting activities, clean-up drives, and public speaking training sessions. SYG has succeeded in the attainment of its objectives due to untiring commitment of the people who compose the team. The donors and the partners of the organization have also been very generous in providing scaffold. Despite the setbacks caused primarily by financial incapacity, SYG eagerly strives to look for people and partners to move forward with. With everybody's commitment to volunteerism and community work, the SYG is optimistic about what the future has in store.

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40th MINDANAO PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

September 27-30, 2019 | Saint Paul University Surigao | Surigao City, Philippines

Tournament Details

The 40th edition of the bi-annual Mindanao Parliamentary Debate Championship (MPDC) is hosted by Surigao Youth Convergence. MPDC is a debate tournament open to secondary- and tertiary-level institutions in the Mindanao circuit, and uses the British Parliamentary Debate format in rounds.

Eligibility of Participants

The following are eligible to compete in the 40th MPDC:

- Bona fide High School, Senior High School, and College students of institutions in the Mindanao area;
- Adjudicators, which includes students competing as judges, independent adjudicators unaffiliated with any institution, and subsidized adjudicators; and
- Coaches, teachers, or trainers of the abovementioned students who may serve as adjudicators, or otherwise spectate.

Furthermore, the tournament shall cap at 60 teams and each institution shall only be allowed a maximum of eight (8) teams.

Debate Rounds

The 40th MPDC will have five (4) elimination rounds followed by outrounds leading to the Finals. All registered teams are entitled to compete in all rounds of the elimination series, where they may potentially face teams from their own institution or teams from the other category.

Each room in the tournament will have four teams, Opening Government, Opening Opposition, Closing Government, and Closing Opposition; each consisting of two debaters who are allotted 7-minute speeches. Teams are allotted 15 minutes to prepare their speeches starting from the release of motions until the debate is called to order.

Qualification for the outrounds ("breaks") would be determined by each team's number of wins and cumulative speaker scores. Separate breaks for High School (inclusive of both Junior High School and Senior High School) and College teams will be observed. The number of breaking teams will be determined by the Mindanao Parliamentary Debate Union with respect to tournament turnout.

Outrounds shall be conducted to determine which teams advance to the finals. There shall be separate outrounds and final rounds for the High School and College categories, wherein the respective categories' champions and Best Speakers would be recognized.

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Motions

Topics to be debated ("motions") shall be formulated by the MPDC Adjudication Core previously elected by the Union. Motions will cover a wide range of subjects ranging from Economics to Social Movements related to current events and issues, at the discretion of the Adjudication Core.

Motions will only be released 15 minutes before the start of the debate to allow for preparation.

Adjudication

Each team must register one adjudicator to ensure a decent pool of judges. Teams that have missing judges shall be assessed a fine of P1000.

Judges shall be allocated to each round in the tournament. Adjudication shall be done either by a single judge or by panel as allocated by the Adjudication Core. Students, coaches, and career adjudicators may serve as judges for the 40th MPDC.

All competing adjudicators registered in the tournament shall undertake an adjudication test designed to measure each judge's competency and knowledge in debate & adjudication. The test shall affect judge allocations throughout the tournament. Failure to attend the adjudication test shall result in the absent judge becoming a trainee for the first round.

Results of debate rounds shall be determined by consensus. After each round, judges will convene to discuss the results of the round. Judges are responsible for ranking each team according to their performance in each round.

Adjudicators may not judge any team with debaters they have or had a significant relationship with. Grounds for a conflict of interest include a coach-trainee or teacher-student relationship, financial obligations to/from the debater, former or current romantic relationships, previously or currently sharing the same institution, and being within the third degree of consanguinity with the debater. Judges have the responsibility to declare any conflicts of interest before the rounds.

The decisions of adjudicators shall be final and irrevocable.

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Registration Packages

A. STAY-IN PACKAGE	B. STAY-OUT PACKAGE
Individual Registration Fee- 3,600.00	Individual Registration Fee- P2500
3 night accommodation	Meals (lunch and dinner)
Meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner)	Admission to Socials
Admission to Socials	Transportation within the City
Transportation within the City	Kits and Ids
Kits	

Early bird: payment made during phase 2

***Onsite payment will incur P1,0000.00 Penalty**

Registration phases are:

Phase 1 (May 25-30):

Preregistration. Teams must reg online at <https://forms.gle/AgSkxYgUoWj4yxz88>.

Phase 2 (July 1-August 25):

Payment of 50% of registration fee. Teams may still register provided they pay half of the registration fee within Phase 2.

Phase 3 (August 25- September 15):

Payment of the remainder of the registration fee and finalization of team members.

Payments can be deposited at:

Development Bank of the Philippines

Account Name: **Surigao Youth Convergence**

Account Number: **00-5-26267-850-5**

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Tournament Details at a Glance:

Format: British Parliamentary

Tournament Cap: 60 teams

Institution Cap: 8 Teams

Missing Adj penalty: P1000

4 Elimination Rounds

Breaks to be determined by MPDU Council

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40TH MINDANAO PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Schedule of Activities

Day 1 – September 27, 2019

12:00-2:00 pm	Arrival and Registration
2:00-6:00 pm	Opening Ceremony, Adjudication Exam and Seminar
6:00-9:00 pm	Welcome Dinner

Day 2 – September 28, 2019

5:00- 6:30 am	Breakfast
6:30 – 7:00 am	Travel to SPUS
7:00-8:00 am	Discussion of Adjudication Exam Results
8:00-10:00 am	Round 1
10:00-10:30 am	Tabulation
10:30 – 12:30 pm	Round 2
12:30-1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30-3:30 pm	Round 3
3:30-4:00 pm	Tabulation
4:00-6:00 pm	Round 4
7:00 pm	Break Night (Pool Party: Swimming Attire)

Day 3 – September 29, 2019

8:00-9:00 am	Breakfast
9:00-11:00 am	Outrounds
11:00-12:00 pm	Lunch
12:00-4:00 pm	Outrounds
4:00-6:00 pm	Free time & preparation for Championship Dinner
7:00 pm	Championships Dinner & Closing Ceremony

SEE YOU IN SURIGAO!

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