



REGIONAL ADVISORY
December 4, 2019

SURIGAO INTERVARSITY PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIP (SIPDC)

Please see attached letter of invitation from **RAXIEY G. ADOLFO**, Executive Director, Surigao Youth Convergence re: **Surigao Interschool Parliamentary Debate Championship (SIPDC)** on February 21-23, 2020 at Surigao Norte National High School (SNNHS), Surigao City.

Interested junior and senior High School and College students from public and private schools are encouraged to join the said event.

This advisory is issued subject to the discretion of the division offices if the said activity is very necessary, relevant and educational. However, this office emphasized the strict compliance of **DepEd Order No. 9, s 2005 "Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith"**.

For your information and guidance.

Attachment: Invitation letter from the Surigao Youth Convergence

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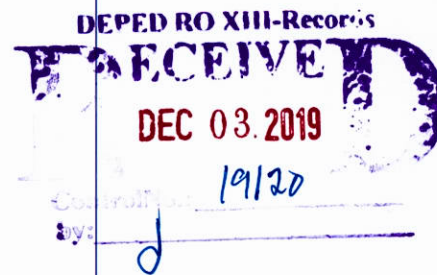
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Dr. Bringas:

Greetings of Peace!



The Surigao Youth Convergence together with the SNNHS Debate Battalion will be hosting a debate tournament in Surigao City on its fourth year. This Annual debate championship, dubbed as the SURIGAO INTERVARSITY PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (SIPDC), is open to junior and senior High School and College students from public and private high schools and colleges in the City of Surigao, Surigao del Norte and Dinagat Province. It shall be held every first quarter of the year to compete in this first gathering for intellectual discussions of young people in the city.

For this year the elimination and final rounds for the High School and College Category will be held on February 21-23, 2020 at SNNHS and tentatively at the Surigao City Cultural Center and City Gymnasium. The competition aims to promote and create a culture of critical thinking, public speaking and research among the young people in Surigao.

In view of this, may we request your good office for an **ENDORSEMENT** and memorandum to encourage your constituents to participate in the third leg of the SURIGAO INTERVARSITY PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (SIPDC) on February 21-23, 2020? Attached is a copy of the Program of Activities and the concept note for your perusal. Our organization also provides free training to those who are in need to better the performance of their participation.

Since the organization is a non-profit youth led organization, we will not be able to provide meals, accommodation and transportation of the participants, however there will be scholarship that will be communicated in January 2020 for selected participants. Hence, we would appreciate if the schools can also charge their participation to their school MOOE or other sources of fund.

The undersigned would be much willing to discuss with you the possible partnership and free trainings with regards to the subject matter above. You can contact us at +639 17 841 0973 or surigaoyouthconvergence@gmail.com.

Furthermore, we respectfully request your valuable presence during the event to deliver a message of inspiration to the young breeds of the city.

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

Very truly yours,

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Executive Director, Surigao Youth Convergence

Tournament Chair and Co-convener, SIPDC

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Fostering Critical Thinking, Literacy and Effective Communication in the city of Island
Adventures.

This Annual debate and public speaking championship, dubbed as the SURIGAO INTERVARSITY PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (SIPDC), is open to High School and College students from public and private high schools and colleges in the City of Surigao and nearby municipalities of Surigao del Norte and shall be held every first quarter of the year. For this year the elimination and final rounds for the High School and College Category will be held on February 21-23, 2020 in SEC School and Surigao City Cultural Center. The Debate will be using the Asians Parliamentary Debate Format. This event is organized by the Surigao Youth Convergence, City Government of Surigao together with the DepEd, CHED in partnership with debate organizations like the Surigao Debate Union, the SNNHS Debate Battalion for the technical debate training and competition proper.

I. INTRODUCTION

The youth and students comprise the largest sector of the population and they are also the most vulnerable. They are most affected by the social challenges that beset their communities. However, while they have a significant number and are major stakeholders in their communities, their voices are not usually heard nor are they utilized as partners in community policy and development. One way to optimize the potential of the youth and students is to empower them and make them realize the important role they play in the country. While the future is uncertain, what is clear is that the future belongs to today's youth. Hence, preparing the present youth and students for critical thinking, policy debate and communication skills are vital. This will also help develop a culture of literacy, social awareness and pro-active advocacy on current and emerging issues for the youth and students. The youth will soon take leadership of their own communities, hence, in order for the youth to fulfill this future responsibility, the youth need to be acknowledged, heard, and prepared today. The youth can participate and contribute community and nation building if we give the youth a voice at least train them to have a voice. One of the platforms in which the youth can be trained to participate in community or regional development building is via organized debate clubs in various private and public high schools and organized competitions among them. Debate and public speaking enables the youth to broaden their awareness, think critically and discuss issues in the society that greatly affect them.

The SURIGAO INTERVARSITY PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (SIPDC) will be the largest and biggest debate tournament in Surigao. The first of its kind, it will encourage the youth and students to participate in policy intervention, formulation, advocacy as well as engaging in academic discourse to resolve issues and problems faced by their communities and even the Philippines in general. Accomplished debaters and renowned

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policy makers will be invited to judge. This event aims to educate and empower the youth to dialogue with each other in solving conflicts and differences.

II. YOUTH EMPOWERMENT THROUGH DEBATE

There has been a general trend of interest in competitive academic debates not only in universities but also in the rapidly growing community of social media. The Philippine Debate Community has been an active force in generating social consciousness among the most vocal and articulate youth of the time, and their ability to generate discourse is unparalleled by any other social community.

Debate, in principle, is a platform to generate arguments for or against a particular issue. In the process, debaters have to research on the premises of their stances, and express their ideas in the most comprehensible and persuasive manner possible. The adjudication panel (and the audience) can then weigh the contribution and the logical strength of speakers, and decide which side was able to defend their stance best.

The goals of sparking general interest on issues surrounding the country and the world may it be governance, peace, education, culture and the like, generating public discourse, and establishing a popular support group can be achieved by utilizing competitive debates that are visible to the public.

III. SURIGAO INTERVARSITY PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (SIPDC)

- a. In order to foster the culture of critical thinking, literacy and effective communication, there shall be an annual SURIGAO INTERVARSITY PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (SIPDC) conducted by Surigao Youth Convergence with an expected help from the office of the City Mayor and/or the office of the provincial governor with coordination with the DepEd and CHED to provide a more extensive participation from the high schools and for the college institutions. The office of the city mayor and/or provincial governor's office are hoped to fund the Grand final round, break nights (Food and venue) and the logistical expenses (certificates, trophies and medals) of the event. Sponsoring varsity/institution will provide the venues for the orientation, demo debate, elimination round, quarter and semifinal round and assistance on the logistical requirements in the said rounds. **If the partnership with the mentioned organizations wouldn't be possible, a registration fee of 250.00 per participants shall be used solely for logistical purposes only.**

IV. CREATION OF DEBATE CLUBS IN THE MAJOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND THE CREATION OF A UNION OF DEBATE VARSITIES IN SURIGAO

- a. **ORGANIZING THE DEBATE CLUBS:** To provide a venue where students can hone their skills in public speaking and debate, a club must be organized in every major public

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and private high school, State University and College within Surigao City. The DepEd must require the major public and private high schools to organize their high school debate and public speaking club with their own set of officers for the students. The CHED must also urge the State Universities and Colleges as well as private higher educational institutions to form the debating team of their institution. An English teacher or a coach must be designated as the adviser of the debate and public speaking club for the high schools while a professor in the English department may be assigned to be the adviser and coach of the private and public colleges and universities.

- b. **SURIGAO DEBATE UNION:** To organize the debate community in the city, there is a need to set-up a debate union composed of all the debate varsities in the city to provide a more systematic manner of communication, competitions and coordination. There shall be separate guidelines that will be created to organize the said body.
- c. **DIRECTORY OF DEBATE CLUBS:** To help facilitate the training of officers of the debate club and their coaches, a directory of the names and their contact numbers of the debate clubs per high school must be provided to the DepEd Director for Secondary Education of Surigao Division copy furnish to the Surigao Debate Union.
- d. **ORIENTATION AND TRAINING OF DEBATE CLUBS:** An orientation training program will be conducted to all the debate clubs and their coaches by the partner organizations and the debate union in partnership with the DepEd and CHED. Civil Society partners and donor agencies will also be requested to help in the capacity building of the Debate Clubs.

V. DEBATE CONTEST MECHANICS

- a. There shall be four (4) Elimination rounds for the High School and College Category will be conducted on a dates stated above.
- b. **FOR THE HIGH SCHOOLS:** There shall be a maximum of 5 teams that will be allowed to register in the competitions. One team composed of four of their best English speaking senior or junior high school students as debater and adjudicator to the two day orientation and debate competition. One (1) coach or English teacher will also be provided per high school. Hence, a total of nine (9) high school students and one (1) coach will be sent by the high schools to the championships. It is assumed that the delegates will be the founding members and officers, as well as the advisers of the Debate Clubs in their respective high schools. There will be a half day dedicated session for the debate orientation and adjudication exam while the remaining portion of the two days will be actual debate competitions.
- c. **FOR THE COLLEGES:** There shall be a maximum of 5 teams that will be allowed to register in the competitions. One team composed of four of their best English speaking senior or junior high school students as debater and adjudicator to the two day orientation and debate competition. One (1) coach or English teacher will also be provided per college or university. Hence, a total of fifteen (15) high school students and one (1) coach will be sent by the individual colleges to the championships. It is assumed that the delegates will be the founding members and officers, as well as the advisers of the Debate Clubs in their respective institutions. There will be a half day dedicated date for the forms

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of debate orientation and adjudication exam while the remaining portion of the two days will be actual debate competitions together with the high school level.

- d. **Expenses:** All expenses including travel, accommodation, food and other institutional expenses will be borne by the participants. The venue and some meals will be borne by the organizers. **A registration fee of 250 per debater/adjudicator shall be collected to cover the logistical arrangements for the invited judges and other expenses, when necessary.**
- e. *The debaters must wear Formal/Filipiniana or any formal attires during the final championship rounds.*

VI. DEBATE CALENDAR WITH VENUE AND FOCAL PERSONS

DATE AND ACTIVITY	Venue & Time	Focal Persons	Partners
November 14, 2019 – Distribution of invitations and endorsements from DepEd and CHED to the schools and institutions	Surigao City	DepEd and CHED	
February 21, 2020 – Orientation and demo debate for the adjudication exams	SNNHS Inner Court, 9 AM	Raxiey Adolfo, SIPDC Chair and Co-convener	SNNHS Debate Battalion / Surigao Debate Union /
February 22, 2020 – Actual Debate eliminations	SNNHS, 8AM to 6PM	Raxiey Adolfo, SIPDC Chair and Co-convener	SNNHS Debate Battalion / Surigao Debate Union /
February 22, 2020 – Break nights	AVR, 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	Raxiey Adolfo, SIPDC Chair and Co-convener Surigao City Government	SNNHS Debate Battalion / Surigao Debate Union
February 23, 2020 – Championship rounds	SNNHS, 8AM to 3PM Surigao Cultural Center, 5PM onwards	Raxiey Adolfo, SIPDC Chair and Co-convener	SNNHS Debate Battalion / Surigao Debate Union

VII. REGISTRATION

The SIPDC Chair and SNNHS Debate Battalion will take charge of ensuring the minimum number of participating high schools, State Universities, Colleges and private institutions of higher learning in the respective Elimination rounds to participate in the SIPDC IV 2019.

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The SIPDC Secretariat will create and email dedicated to answer queries of participating schools as well as to send registration forms that will indicate their participation in the competitions. Strictly registration should be submitted a week before the adjudication exam and orientation will take place. There will be no special registration for the late submissions of registration forms.

VIII. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY

A. Eligibility

HIGH SCHOOL CATEGORY

A student may be a member of the team if he or she is studying in any of the high schools in Surigao City and nearby municipalities.

COLLEGE CATEGORY

A student may be a member of the team if he or she is studying in any of the state universities and colleges or private higher learning institutions in Surigao City and nearby municipalities.

B. Team Composition

The participating school is allowed to send a maximum of three(5) teams for high school and five (5) for college category respectively.

Each team is composed of three (3) members each.

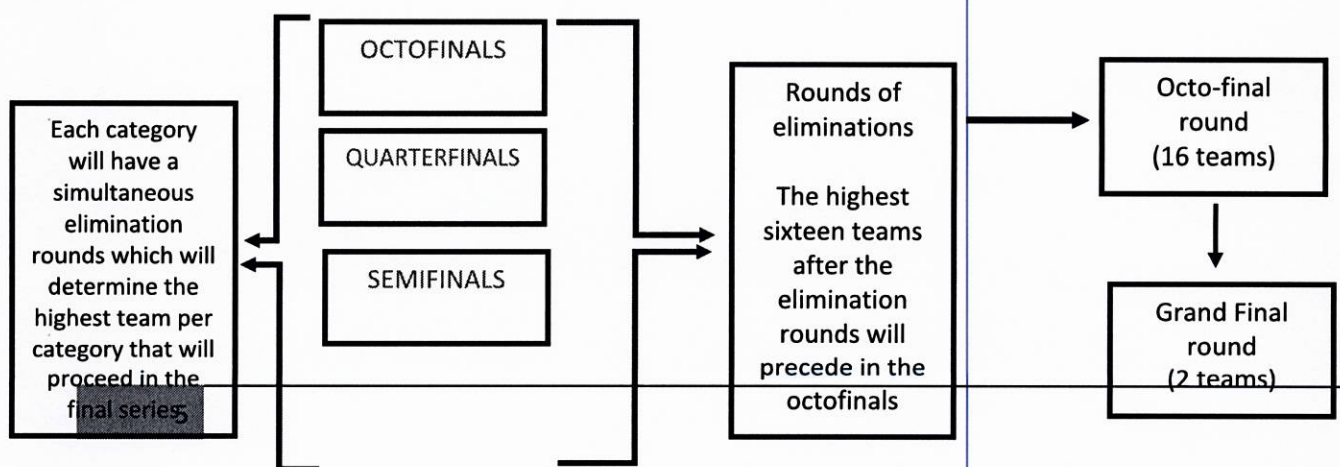
Request for additional teams is subject to the approval of the Organizers.

N-Rule (1 adjudicator per team) should apply for the competition.

Each School/Institution shall send one (1) coach/moderator to serve as the guardian of the team/each team shall also be accompanied by one adjudicator.

C. TOURNAMENT FLOW

There will be debate elimination rounds conducted on February 21, 2020. The Debate elimination will be composed of four elimination rounds. The winning debate teams will compete in final series of the Debate Championship which will be held on February 23, 2020.



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GRANDFINALS

IX. AWARDS AND PRIZES

Awards to be given during the SURIGAO INTERVARSITY PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIPS IV are the following:

HIGH SCHOOL CATEGORY

- Champion –Trophy (roving and winner trophy), medals and Certificates
- Runner up - Trophy, medals and Certificates
- Final’s Best Speaker –medal and certificates
- Top 10 best speakers –medal and certificates
- Top 5 best adjudicators –medal and certificates

COLLEGE CATEGORY

- Champion –Trophy (roving and winner trophy), medals and Certificates
- Runner up - Trophy, medals and Certificates
- Final’s Best Speaker –medal and certificates
- Top 10 best speakers –medal and certificates
- Top 5 best adjudicators –medal and certificates

X. FUNDING

Since Surigao Youth Convergence is a non-stock, non-profit organization in Surigao, the funding for this year’s Surigao Intersivity Parliamentary Debate Championships (Championship venue, Break night meals, Trophies, medals and certificates) will be solicited from from the support of the City Mayor’s or the governor’s office, partners and the registration fee (if necessary).

XI. TOURNAMENT DETAILS

Debate format	All-Asian Parliamentary
Team Cap	3 Teams per respective High Schools in the city and5 teams for the College Category (3 members per team) (1 coach per School/Institution. Admission of additional teams is subject to the approval of the organizers. One adjudicator per team is also required in the competition.
Rounds	Elimination Rounds (4 rounds) Octofinals (16 teams, knock out round) Quarter Finals (8 Teams, Knock Out round)

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	Semi-Finals (4 Teams, Knock out round) Grandfinals (2 teams, Knock out round)
Preparation time before each round	30 minutes
Judge Rule	Five members of the Adjudication Core for the Final Series. These adjudicators have already competed in regional/national debate competitions as debaters and/or adjudicators.

XII. SIPDC IV SCHEDULE

Day 1 (February 21, 2019)	
1:00-3:00 pm	Orientation and Demo Debate
3:00-4:30pm	Adjudication exams
Day 2 (February 22, 2019)	
8:00-8:30 am	Convening time
8:30-10:30 am	Round 1
10:30-12:30 pm	Round 2
12:30pm-1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30-3:30pm	Round 3
3:30-5:30pm	Round 4
7:30-8:30 pm	Break night
Day 3 (February 23, 2019)	
8:00-8:30 am	Convening time
8:30-10:00 am	Octofinals
10:00-11:30am	Quarterfinals
11:30-12:45 pm	Lunch
12:45-3:00 pm	Semifinals
6:00-9:00 pm	GRANDFINALS (HS and College)
9:00-10:00 pm	AWARDING

XIII. DEBATE FORMAT

Asian Parliamentary Debate

Teams: There are two opposing teams in an Asians format of debate:

- 1. Government side - proposes and defends the motion;
- 2. Opposition side- refutes and negates the motion.

Each side is composed of three members.

The Members of the government side are the following:

- 1. Prime Minister (PM)- opens the debate, defines the motion and advances arguments;
- 2. Deputy Prime Minister(DPM)- refute at first instance the case of the opposition; re-establish the government's claim, and advances arguments;

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3. Government Whip(GW)- makes an issue-based rebuttal of the opposition's case and summarizes the case of the government.

The Members of the Opposition side are the following:

1. Leader of the Opposition(LO)- responds directly to the case of the government by giving a direct clash, and advances arguments. May challenge the motion if the definition is challengeable;
2. Deputy Leader of the Opposition(DPL)- refutes the case of the DPM, reestablishes the case of the opposition, and advances an argument;
3. Opposition Whip (OW)- makes an issues-based rebuttal of the government's and summarizes the case of the opposition.

Time of Speeches:

Each speaker is allocated seven minutes to deliver their constructive speeches. One speaker from each side (For the Government:PM/DPM, for Opposition:LO/DLO) is given four minutes to deliver a reply speech. The speakers will be speaking in the following order:

1. Prime Minister (7 mins)
2. Leader of the Opposition (7 mins)
3. Deputy Prime Minister (7 mins)
4. Deputy Leader of the Opposition (7 mins)
5. Government Whip (7 mins)
6. Opposition Whip (7 mins)
7. Opposition Reply (4 mins)
8. Government Reply (4 mins)

Points of Information:

During the constructive speeches, **Point of Information (POI)** may be raised by the opposing side after the first minute up to the sixth minute. POI may be refused or accepted by the speaker. During reply speeches, no POI may be raised. POI should not exceed 15 seconds. It could be a question or clarification.

Reply Speech:

Reply speech is a comparative analysis of the strength and weaknesses of the case of both sides. The aim of the speech is to give a bias judgment as to why should the people support the team's claim. The speech is first delivered by the opposition side and followed by the government side that will close the debate.

Matter, Manner, Method:

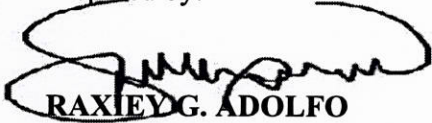
Asian Parliamentary Debate is assessed by an Adjudicator Panel composed of an odd number according to the following criteria:

1. Matter (40)- substance of the debate, the arguments and evidence presented, and the logical reasoning and presentation of said arguments.

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2. Manner (30)- the style of delivery, the persuasion skills, and the conduct of the debaters.
3. Method (30)- the response to the dynamics of the debate, and the observance of the rules of debate.

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Tournament Chair and Co-convener

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