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**EASTERN VISAYAS DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIP – ASIAN PARLIAMENTARY
(EVDC-AP)**

Attached is a communication letter from the Adviser of the University of the Philippines Tacloban Debate Society (UPTDS), Ms. Ruth Edisel Rylle Sadian-Cercado, encouraging the participation of high school students to the Eastern Visayas Debate Championship-Asian Parliamentary (EVDC-AP) on May 31 – June 2, 2024, at the University of the Philippines Tacloban College.

This tournament will test the abilities of High School and College debaters to think strategically in situations regarding the issues and anomalies in the existing norms in our society and help the students in their future endeavors to become critical and logical thinkers.

Participation of both public and private schools shall be subject to the *no-disruption-of-classes policy* 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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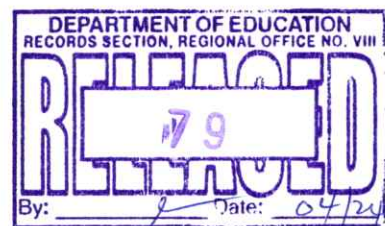
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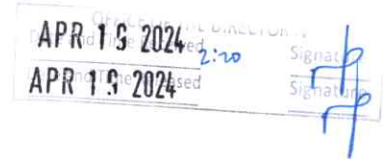


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Dear Mx. Fetalvero:

Warm greetings!

The **University of the Philippines Tacloban Debate Society (UPTDS)** has remained resolute in its commitment to cultivating and enhancing the public speaking and critical thinking acumen of the youth in Eastern Visayas. As the most prestigious debate institution of Region VIII, the organization steadfastly endeavors to revive the **Eastern Visayas Debate Championship-Asian Parliamentary (EVDC-AP)**, a pinnacle debate event that has been in abeyance for four years due to the exigencies imposed by the Covid-19 Pandemic. This event is scheduled to take place from **May 31-June 2, 2024**, at the **University of the Philippines Tacloban College**.

It may be noted that Eastern Visayas is the breeding place of many successful debaters in the country. However, UPTDS firmly believes that the region has still many people to reach who have potential to become great speakers. At its 15th installment, EVDC-AP is bannered with the theme: **“Renaissance: Rebirth of Critical Discourse from Educational Crisis.”** This tournament will test the abilities of High School and College debaters to think strategically in situations regarding the issues and anomalies in the existing norms in our society. Competing students will engage in a great learning activity that will further improve and enrich their debating skills. Moreover, the purpose of this event is to help the students in their future endeavors to become critical and logical thinkers.

In this regard we humbly request your most respected office to help us encourage more institutions to join in this event and to endorse this tournament to secondary education institutions under your jurisdiction/supervision. It is our belief that your accreditation of EVDC-AP will contribute meaningfully to the success of the event and make the youth of Eastern Visayas globally competitive.

Attached to this letter is the summary of tournament details, for your perusal. If you have further inquiries and clarification regarding this event, you may reach us through this contact information:

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We look forward to your favorable consideration of this request.

Thank you very much for your time.

Towards a stronger Eastern Visayas Debate Community,


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Tournament Convener

14th EVDC- Asian Parliamentary


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Tournament Director

14th EVDC- Asian Parliamentary

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UP Tacloban Debate Society
Adviser



Summary of Tournament Details

The University of the Philippines Tacloban Debate Society (UPTDS), the top debating varsity in Eastern Visayas, brought the art of debating in the region. Eastern Visayas is a home to many debaters with growing potential and talent. Thus, this event is geared towards honing high school and college debaters to their fullest capabilities through a seminar and tournament.

The tournament, entitled “15th Eastern Visayas Debate Championship-AP”, themed “Renaissance: Rebirth of Critical Discourse from Educational Crisis,” will be held from May 31-June 2, 2024, at the University of the Philippines Visayas Tacloban College. Three (3) nationally and internationally-acclaimed debaters from the Philippine Debate Union (PDU) will be invited as speakers and judges in this three-day event. The speakers are expected to discuss special topics assigned to them by the organizing committee through a Debate and Adjudication Seminar. The tournament will follow a strict schedule which includes a debate seminar, adjudicator test, and first debate round on the first day, the three debate rounds on the second day, semi-finals and finals, and championship dinner on the third and last day.

Meanwhile, the topics that will be presented will be as follows: How to Effectively Use and Combat Matter, What to Argue and How to Do it, How to Prep Efficiently, How to Create Effective Rebuttals, How to Win as a Closing Team and Points on Adjudication. The speakers can add topics they would deem necessary.

Students from high schools, colleges, and universities within the region, whether public or private, are expected to participate. Each participating individual must pay a corresponding registration fee of Php 2,000.00 to be able to join the tournament. This fee is inclusive of six (6) sets of snacks, three (3) lunch packs, an adjudication core fee, a debate kit, and a champion's dinner. For observers, a registration fee of Php 700 inclusive of 5 snacks, tournament ID, debate kits and access to debate seminars.

This tournament has two main objectives. First, it aims to strengthen debating as a sport in Region VIII. This objective specifically targets both high schools and colleges in the region with already existing and active debate societies or organizations. UPTDS believes that this workshop 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 goal is also in line with the organization's 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 to serving the best interest of the youth sector through debate as a medium.