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**Advisory No. 024, s. 2020**  
**January 21, 2020**

In compliance with DepEd Order No. 8, s. 2013  
 This advisory is issued for the information of DepEd officials,  
 personnel/staff, as well as the concerned public.

**14TH EASTERN VISAYAS DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
 All Others Concerned

1. Attached is a letter from Dr. Patricia B. Arinto, Dean, University of the Philippines Visayas, Tacloban College (UPVTC), dated January 16, 2020, inviting secondary education institutions to participate in the **14th Eastern Visayas Debate Championship** on January 24-26, 2020 which will be held at the Multi-Purpose Building, UPVTC, Tacloban City.
2. Details about the tournament and registration are included in the letter.
3. 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*.
4. Considering that this is an Advisory, Schools Division Superintendents are given the discretion to act on this matter.
5. Immediate dissemination of this Advisory is desired.

  
**RAMIR B. UYTICO, Ed.D., CESO IV**  
 Director IV 



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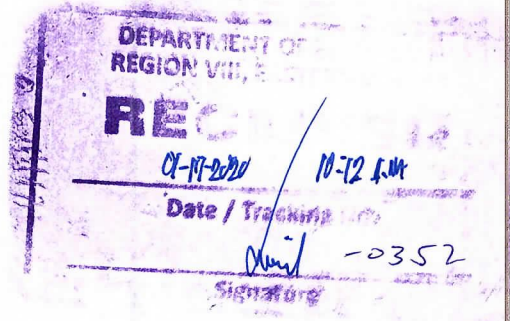
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**Office of the Dean**

16 January 2020

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Government Center, Candahug, Palo, Leyte



Dear Director Uytico:

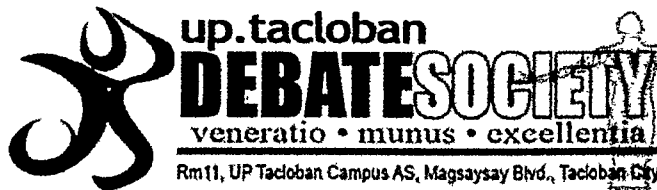
The University of the Philippines Tacloban Debate Society (UPTDS) is organizing the 14th Eastern Visayas Debate Championship on 24-26 January 2020. The event tests the abilities of High School and College debaters in the region to think critically about important social issues.

In this connection, may we request an endorsement from your good office enjoining secondary education institutions to participate in this prestigious event. Attached is a copy of the details, including the registration procedure and schedules.

We look forward to your favorable action on this matter. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

**PATRICIA B. ARINTO**  
Dean



### 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 workshop.

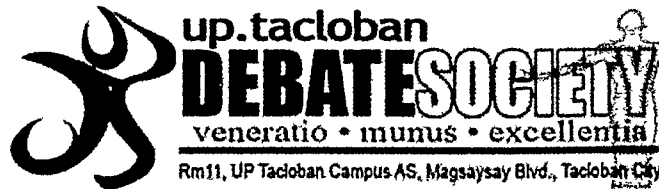
The tournament, entitled "14th Eastern Visayas Debate Championship: Imagine A World" will be held from February 7-9, at the Multi-Purpose Building of the University of the Philippines Visayas Tacloban College. Three (3) nationally and internationally-acclaimed debaters from the Philippine Debate Union (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 in the second day, semi-finals and finals, and championship dinner in the third and last day.

The suggested speakers are Rene Gandeza, Akeem Fabilla, and Kershey Duenas.. 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 in the region, whether public or private, are expected to participate. Each participating individual must pay a corresponding registration fee to be able to join the workshop. Two (2) registration packages have been prepared. First, for participants who would wish to stay-out or would not avail of hotel accommodations, a registration fee of Php 1,500 inclusive of two (3) lunches, four (55) snacks, and a debate kit, tournament ID, access to debate seminar and championship dinner, must be paid. For observers, a registration fee of Php 700 inclusive of 5 snacks, tournament ID, Debate kits and access to debate seminar.

This tournament has two main objectives. First, it aims to strengthen debating as a sport in Region VIII. This objective is 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 objective 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



### **Registration Details**

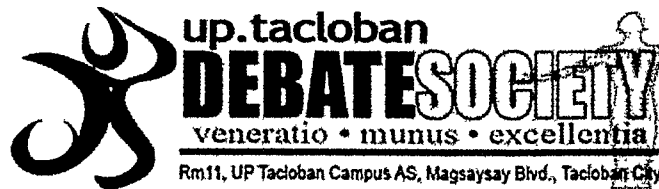
The registration process for EVDC-BP 5: Revive will follow two (3) phases for the filling out of registration forms of participating schools, students, and coaches and the payment process for the registration fees.

For Phase 1, institution representatives must accomplish the registration form posted in EVBP 5 Revive, the official Facebook group of the tournament. Representatives of each institution will be notified once their schools have successfully registered. At the moment, Phase 1 has already started, and will end by January 19.

For Phase 2, participating institutions are expected to pay 50% of their total registration fee. It 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.

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 14th Eastern Visayas Debate Championship: Imagine A World**

Greetings!

The world, with its history and prowess, has proven that a spectrum of events is possible. The breakthroughs of humanity have succeeded in producing the people and the things we know today, and the world will only ever continue to evolve. There are yet multiple arrays of possibilities that remain unexplored. In effect, our capabilities must be challenged to its perfection- to outlive the ideas of what we think are the extent of our abilities, and to surprise ourselves with the kind of greatness that transcends expectations.

The world is more than its past successes, and more than its present blunders- it must continually be reimagined. Together, let's **Imagine a World!**

The University of the Philippines Tacloban Debate Society is most honored to invite you to the most prestigious debate tournament in the region- **The Eastern Visayas Debate Championship- Asian Parliamentary 14.**


As we head to start another year, we encourage you to put your greatest ideas to motion, and in so doing, to actualize your visions. The debate community, with its many promises of celebrating congregations for unified and collective voices, is more than happy to share in bigger and bolder perspectives that will help shape the world. We are united in this pursuit because it paves the way for true, transcendent change.

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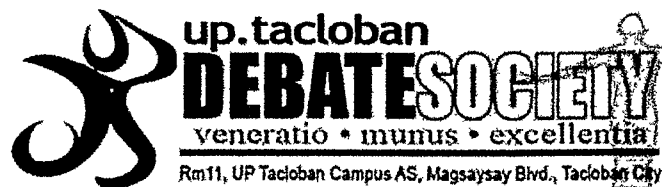
Should you have inquiries, you may contact the society through the undersigned. You may also contact us through email, ([uptacdebatesociety@gmail.com](mailto:uptacdebatesociety@gmail.com)) and Facebook (UP Tacloban Debate Society).

We look forward to experiencing this milestone with you!

Sincerely,

  
**PHOEBE BALANON**  
Tournament Convener

**JHONN REIMOND CATINGUB**  
Tournament Director



## 14th Eastern Visayas Debate Championship: Imagine A World Schedule

### Day 1 (January 24)

8:00 – 9:00 - REGISTRATION AND OPENING CEREMONY  
 9:00 – 10:00 - DEBATE AND ADJUDICATION SEMINAR  
 10:00 – 11:30 - MOCK DEBATE  
 11:30 – 12:30 - ADJUDICATION EXAM  
 12:30 – 1:30 - LUNCH  
 1:30 – 2:30 - MOCK DEBATE AND ADJ EXAM RESULT  
 2:30 – 5:00 - ROUND 1

### Day 2 (January 25)

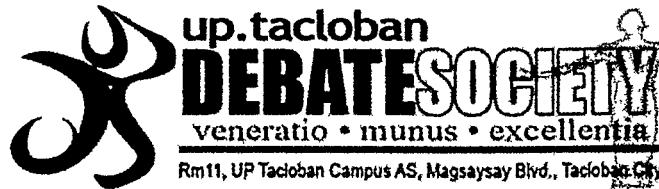
8:00 - CALL TIME  
 8:30 – 10:30 - ROUND 2  
 10:30 – 12:30 - ROUND 3  
 12:30 – 1:30 - LUNCH  
 1:30 – 3:00 - ROUND 4  
 3:30 – 5:30 - ROUND 5  
 5:30 – 7:00 - ANNOUNCEMENT OF BREAKS

### Day 3 (January 26)

8:30 - CALL TIME  
 8:30 – 11:00 - QUARTERFINALS  
 11:00 – 12:00 - LUNCH  
 12:00 – 2:30 - SEMIFINALS  
 2:30 – 5:00 - HIGH SCHOOL FINALS  
 7:00 – 10:30 - CHAMPIONSHIP DINNER  
 10:30 – 11:00 - AWARDING CEREMONY

### REGISTRATION PACKAGES

STAY IN	STAY OUT
<b>1,500 pesos</b> ✓ Tournament ID ✓ 3 Lunches ✓ 5 Snacks ✓ Debate Kit & Seminar ✓ Championship Dinner	<b>700 pesos</b> ✓ Tournament ID ✓ 5 Snacks ✓ Debate Kit & Seminar



## REGISTRATION PROCESS

### PHASE 1 - CONFIRMATION PROCESS

JAN 13- JAN 19

- 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 EV Asians 14:Imagine a Word (2020)

### PHASE 2 - 50% PAYMENT

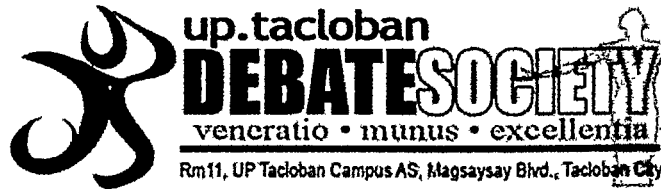
JAN 20 - JAN 26

- 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

JAN 27 - JAN 31

- 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.



## JUDGES

### **1. Rene Gandeza (San Beda University)**

#### **Judge CV:**

- Worlds Breaking Judge, Worlds Universities Debate Championship (WUDC) 2015 Malaysia
- Grand Finals Judge, Asian BP 2015 (Malaysia), United Asia Debate Championship 2015 (Indonesia), UADC 2014 (Singapore), China BP 2015, Beijing Debate Challenge 2014
- Deputy Chief Adjudicator, Asian English Olympics 2015 (Indonesia), National Novice Debate Championship 2015 (Malaysia)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Judge UADC 2015 (Indonesia)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Best Judge, UADC 2014 (Singapore)
- Adj Core, NDC 2014 (BP Nationals)
- Adj Core, PIDC 2014 (AP Nationals)
- Adj Core, EVDC 2015

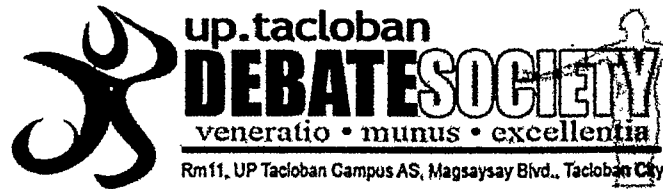
#### **Debate CV:**

- Grand Finalist and 7<sup>th</sup> Best Speaker, NDC 2013
- Two-time Union Cup Champion, NDC 2011 & 2013
- Semifinalist, PIDC 2013 & 4<sup>th</sup> Best Speaker

### **2. Kershey Dunas (University of the Philippines Cebu)**

#### **Adjudication CV:**

- 3rd Best Judge, VMDC (2016)
- 5th Best Judge, VMDC (2015)
- 5x Best Judge, 10x in the top 5, MPDC (2009-2016)
- Subsidized Judge, Kuala Lumpur Open Challenge (2014)
- Subsidized Judge, Luzon IV (2014)
- Best Judge, PIDC (2013)
- 7th Best Judge, NDC (2013)
- Quarterfinals, Subsidized Judge, ASDC (2013)



**Debate CV:**

- Semifinalist España IVs (2016)
- Grand Finalist and Tournament Best Speaker USC IVs III (2016)
- WUDC ESL Quarterfinalist (2015)
- UADC Octofinalist (2013)
- VMDC Champion and 2nd Best Speaker (2012)
- VMDC Grand Finalist and 2nd Best Speaker (2013)
- NDC Semifinalist (2011)
- PIDC Octofinalist (2012, 2013)
- Quarterfinals and 2nd Best Speaker, VMDC (2011)
- Quarterfinals, VMDC (2010)
- Octofinals, VMDC (2009)
- Grand Finals & 10th Best Speaker, MPDC (2007)
- Semifinals, VMDC (2007)

**Others:**

- Union Cup Champion & Finals Best Speaker, PIDC (2014)
- Champion & Finals Best Speaker, 1st Secretary Cup (2013)
- Grand Finalist, 1st Philippine Colegiate Peace Debates (2013)

**3. Akeem Fabilla (Ateneo De Davao)**

**Debate CV:**

- Champion and 3rd Best Speaker of Thessaloniki Worlds Universities Debate Championship (2016) ESL category
- Overall Best Speaker National Debate Championships (NDC),
- 2nd Best Speaker and Grand Finalist, Philippines Intercollegiate Debate Championships
- Semi-Finalist of Manila Intervarsity (2016)
- Grand Finalist of Ateneo IV (2015)
- Semi-Finals of Luzon IV (2014)
- Octo-Finals of Malaysia Debate Open (2014)
- Semi-Finals of Ateneo IV (2014)

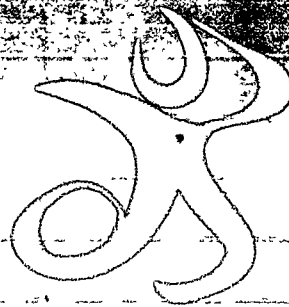
**Adj CV:**

- Adj Core (2014) JPES, Zamboanga, and Balboa Cup
- Adj Core (2015) Xavier Cup and Roco Cup
- Adj Core (2016) Asian English Olympics and Mindanao PDC

### Syllabus of Topics

**Main Topics for the Debate Seminar:**

What to Argue and How to Do it  
How to Effectively Use and Combat Matter  
Tips on speaker roles  
Adjudication: techniques, clarifications, and note-taking  
How to win and judge unconventional topics  
Levels of analysis and the use of principles



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Jhonn Reimond Catingub  
Tournament Director

  
Eudora Phoebe Balanon  
Tournament Convener

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## TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

### Day 1 (February 7)

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|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| 8:00 – 9:00   | - Registration and Opening Ceremony |
| 9:00 – 10:00  | - Debate and Adj Seminar            |
| 10:00 – 11:30 | - Mock Debate                       |
| 11:30 – 12:30 | - Adjudication Exam                 |
| 12:30 – 1:30  | - LUNCH                             |
| 1:30 – 2:30   | - MOCK DEBATE AND ADJ EXAM RESULT   |
| 2:30 – 5:00   | - ROUND 1                           |

### Day 2 (February 8)

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| 8:00          | CALL TIME                   |
| 8:30 – 10:30  | - ROUND 2                   |
| 10:30 – 12:30 | - ROUND 3                   |
| 2:30 – 1:30   | - LUNCH                     |
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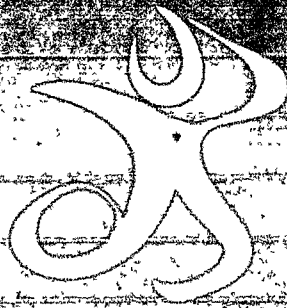
## REGISTRATION PACKAGES

### **COMPETING DEBATER/ ADJUDICATOR** ***(1,500 php)***

- Tournament ID
- Debate kits
- Seminar
- 5 snacks
- 3 lunch meals
- Championship Dinner

### **OBSERVER** ***(700 php)***

- Tournament ID
- Debate kits
- Seminar
- 5 snacks



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