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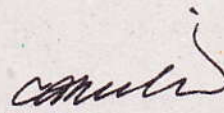
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MEMORANDUM TO:

Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Division/District Supervisors
Secondary School Principals
(Public and Private Schools)
Head Teachers/Teachers In – Charge

3RD PHILIPPINE GEOGRAPHY OLYMPIAD

1. Attached is a Letter from Ms. Darlene J. Occeña-Gutierrez, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Geography, College of Social Science and Philosophy, University of The Philippines, Diliman re: **"3rd Philippine Geography Olympiad Inter-High School Geography Quiz Bee"** dated September 11, 2012 which is self – explanatory, for the information and guidance of all concerned.
2. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


CORAZON C. RUBIO, CESO VI
Schools Division Superintendent

SUPERVISORS/JR

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DR. CORAZON C. RUBIO
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Dear Dr. Rubio,

Warm greetings from the Department of Geography.

I am writing in reference to the 3rd Philippine Geography Olympiad which the Geographic Society of UP, one of our student organizations in the College, is sponsoring in collaboration with the Department. This event will be held on December 1, 2012 at the Philippine Social Science Center (PSSC) Auditorium, Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City, from 8 o'clock in the morning to 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Inspired by the success of the First and Second Philippine Geography Olympiad, we want to encourage more student participation from public and private secondary schools in Metro Manila and the nearby regions.

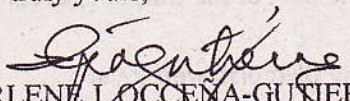
In line with the said activity, may we request your good office to assist us in disseminating our invitation to public and private secondary schools in Metro Manila and all Regions in the country.

We are the only Department of Geography in the whole country, and we offer a Baccalaureate degree in Geography (BS Geography) as well as a Master of Science degree in Geography. One of our goals is to strengthen geographic knowledge among our youth and instill in them a genuine appreciation of our country. Geographic knowledge is very vital to our understanding of the processes that occur around us. It forms the basis of our everyday decisions as well as how we adapt to our changing environment. We hope that through your good office we would be able to achieve part of our goals in propagating geographic education among our youth.

Please find attached the pertinent information regarding the 3rd Philippine Geography Olympiad. You may also visit our website at: www.geog.upd.edu.ph for more information about our Department.

Thank you very much for your kind attention and we look forward to your valuable support.

Very truly yours,


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3rd PHILIPPINE GEOGRAPHY OLYMPIAD

Inter-High School Geography Quiz Bee

Philippine Social Science Center (PSSC)
Auditorium, Commonwealth Avenue,
Diliman, Quezon City
December 1, 2012

The 3rd Philippine Geography Olympiad will be held on December 1, 2012 at the Philippine Social Science Center (PSSC) Auditorium and will be hosted by the Geographic Society of the University of the Philippines (GSUP) and the UP Department of Geography. The competition aims to:

- Promote the discipline of Geography among high school students.
- Introduce Geography as a discipline that deals with the study of the earth as our home, and a possible career path where students are taught skills in analyzing geographic patterns observed on the Earth's surface, as well as understanding human-environment interactions.
- Provide a venue for high school geography enthusiasts to share their knowledge and interests in geography.

GENERAL RULES AND GUIDELINES

Eligibility

1. The contest is open to all secondary schools in the Philippines whether public or private.
2. A school can send at most **two (2) teams**.
3. Schools who wish to participate must properly and completely accomplish the Registration Form attached herewith. They must be received on or before five o'clock in the afternoon (5:00 PM) of **November 9, 2012 (Friday)**. The Registration Form can be submitted through any of the following means:
 - a. Hand Carried/ Mailed to
*Geographic Society of the University of the Philippines
c/o The UP Department of Geography
Room 403 College of Social Sciences and Philosophy (CSSP) Faculty Center
Africa St., University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City 1101
(Back of CASAA Canteen and PhAn)*
 - b. Scanned and E-mailed to geographicsociety.up@gmail.com
(Kindly send a text message to Ms. Eula Fae Sola at 09162954010 for registration forms sent electronically)
4. A **Registration Fee of Php250** per team may be paid on the date of the Quiz Bee, December 1, 2012.
5. For further updates please check the Philippine Geography Olympiad website at philippinegeographyolympiad.wordpress.com or visit our facebook fan page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Philippine-Geography-Olympiad/165158976830118>
6. For further inquiries and concerns feel free to contact us at geographicsociety.up@gmail.com or at 09162954010 and look for Ms. Eula Fae Sola.

THE PARTICIPATING TEAM

1. A team shall be composed of two (2) regular contestants, one (1) alternate contestant and a coach.
2. The contestants and alternate must be enrolled as third year students in the school they wish to represent.
3. In case a regular contestant may not be able to compete, the alternate contestant shall take his/her place.
4. The coach must be a duly appointed regular teaching staff of the school. He/ She will be the school's representative in case of protests/complaints.
5. Members of the team should bring their valid school ID upon registration for identity verification.
6. All teams are expected to report promptly at the registration booth at the event venue. Failure to report at the said booth 15 minutes after the scheduled start of the qualifying round forfeits the team's chance to join the competition.

THE COUNCIL OF JUDGES

1. The Council of Judges shall decide on all case of complaints or protests raised by a coach.
2. It shall be composed of three (3) invited UP professors and two (2) representatives from the Geographic Society of the University of the Philippines (GSUP).
3. The decisions of the Council of Judges are final and irrevocable.
4. The Geographic Society of the University of the Philippines reserves the right to choose and invite the members of the Council of Judges.

SCOPE

The questions for this competition will be formulated from the following categories, which are similar to the themes/topics used in the International Geography Olympiad (IGO) 2012.

1. General geographic concepts (Map questions, Location, Time)
2. Geography of the Philippines
3. Earth Science (Weather and Climate, Landforms, Water forms)
4. Biogeography
5. Economic and Urban Geography (Agriculture, Development Issues, Urbanization)
6. Population Geography
7. Cultural Geography
8. Environmental Issues and Sustainability
9. Hazards and Disasters
10. General Knowledge

MECHANICS OF THE COMPETITION

QUALIFYING ROUND

1. All teams will undergo the Qualifying Round which will be held on December 1, 2012, 8:30 AM at Philippine Social Science Center (PSSC) Auditorium.
2. The Qualifying Round will be a 50-item multiple-choice type examination which will consist of questions from topics presented above (see scope). Each member of the team will take the exam individually.
3. The exam is good for one (1) hour and thirty (30) minutes.

4. **No coach, faculty, staff or representative from any school other than the participants will be allowed to enter the examination room before the qualifying round.**
5. **Any questions during the qualifying round should only be addressed to the proctors inside the room.**
6. **Calculators, cell phones or any gadgets will not be allowed inside the examination rooms.**
7. **Only answer sheets, pens and questionnaires provided are allowed to be used during the qualifying round.**
8. **All contestants will be advised to take toilet breaks before the start of the exam. Once inside the room, students are not allowed to go out.**
9. **Emergency situations will be handled by the proctors.**
10. **A short program will be held after the qualifying round. The results of the qualifying exam will be announced thereafter.**
11. **All contestants will be given Certificates of Participation.**
12. **Any form of cheating and intellectual dishonesty will result to the disqualification of the team in the succeeding rounds of the competition.**
13. **The top ten (10) teams with the highest score for this round will qualify for the Semi-Final Round.**
14. **In case of a tie, the involved teams will compete in a tie-breaker round to fill the remaining slots.**

SEMI-FINAL ROUND

1. **In this round, the participating teams will be provided with whiteboards and markers with which to write their answers.**
2. **All semi-finalists will compete with each other.**
3. **The Semi-Final Round will have forty (40) questions.**
4. **Each question is worth five (5) points.**
5. **Questions may be in the form of multiple choice, identification, enumeration or computation.**
6. **Questions will be read twice by the quizmaster. Contestants may start writing their answers after the first reading of a question.**
7. **After the question has been read twice, the contestants will be given ten (10) seconds (unless otherwise specified) to write their answers. The quizmaster will signal all the teams to immediately raise their whiteboards once the given time has elapsed.**
8. **Contestants are not allowed to alter or change their answers after the quizmaster has signaled to raise the whiteboards showing their answers.**
9. **All complaints shall be addressed at once to the marshals.**
10. **No complaints regarding a previous question will be entertained after the quizmaster has read the next question.**
11. **Coaching or any form of cheating is not allowed during the quiz proper; such acts will result to the team's disqualification.**
12. **The top five (5) teams with the highest score for this round will qualify for the Final Round.**
13. **In case of a tie, the involved teams will compete in a tie-breaker round to fill the remaining slots.**

FINAL ROUND

1. The Final Round will use a buzzer system such that the first team to buzz-in will be given a chance to answer the selected question orally.
2. The scores of the five (5) teams will be reset back to zero (0).
3. The round will consist of **five (5) questions** from **six (6) different categories**; with a total of **30 questions**. The five questions in every category are worth **10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 points** (higher points have higher level of difficulty). The following table will be projected on the screen.

Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4	Category 5	Category 6
10	10	10	10	10	10
20	20	20	20	20	20
30	30	30	30	30	30
40	40	40	40	40	40
50	50	50	50	50	50

4. At the beginning of this round, the quizmaster will choose one question randomly from one of the categories and will read the question twice. The teams may only buzz-in after the quizmaster says "GO". In case a team buzzed-in while the quizmaster is still reading the question or has not said "GO" yet, that team automatically loses the chance to answer that particular question.
5. All teams are only given **ten (10) seconds**, unless specified, to buzz-in and give the correct answer; otherwise, the correct answer will be revealed by the quizmaster. Then, the next question will be chosen randomly by the quizmaster.
6. The first team to buzz-in will be given a chance to answer the question **within five (5) seconds**.
7. If the first team to buzz-in answered the question correctly within five (5) seconds, the corresponding points will be awarded to the team, and the team will have the privilege to **choose the next question**.
8. If the first to buzz-in answered incorrectly or if the team failed to answer **within five (5) seconds**, a total of **10 points** will be deducted from their aggregate score, furthermore, an opportunity to steal will be opened to the other teams only once.
The team who wants to steal can only buzz-in after the quizmaster says that the answer is incorrect and subsequently says "GO".
9. The game shall end when all the questions have been revealed.
10. In case of a tie, the involved teams will have to answer a tie-breaker question, in which the first team who could give the correct answer shall be declared as the winner.
11. The team to obtain the **highest score** in the Final Round will be declared the **3rd PHILIPPINE GEOGRAPHY OLYMPIAD Champions**.

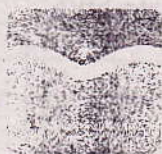
Note:

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Philippine Social Science Center (PSSC)
Auditorium, Commonwealth Avenue,
Diliman, Quezon City
December 1, 2012



For GSUP use only:

Team number: _____

Date received: _____

Received by: _____

REGISTRATION FORM

School: _____

School Address: _____

Contact number(s): _____

Instructor/ Adviser/ Coach

Name: _____
(Surname) (Given) (M.I.)

Years of teaching: _____ Birth date: _____ Age: _____

Home address: _____

Contact number(s):
Cell phone: _____ Landline: _____
E-mail address: _____

What year level(s) are you currently handling?

What subject(s) are you currently teaching?

Representative 1

Name: _____

(Surname) (Given) (M.I.)

Birth date: _____ Age: _____ Year Level: _____

Home address: _____

Contact number(s): _____

Cell phone: _____

Landline: _____

E-mail address: _____

Are you planning to take the UPCAT? ☐ YES ☐ NO

What courses are you considering to take?

Representative 2

Name: _____

(Surname) (Given) (M.I.)

Birth date: _____ Age: _____ Year Level: _____

Home address: _____

Contact number(s): _____

Cell phone: _____

Landline: _____

E-mail address: _____

Are you planning to take the UPCAT? ☐ YES ☐ NO

What courses are you considering to take?

Alternate Representative

Name: _____

(Surname) (Given) (M.I.)

Birth date: _____ Age: _____ Year Level: _____

Home address: _____

Contact number(s): _____

Cell phone: _____

Landline: _____

E-mail address: _____

Are you planning to take the UPCAT? ☐ YES ☐ NO

What courses are you considering to take?

We hereby certify the truthfulness and completeness of the information we have furnished in this registration form, and any misinformation and/or withholding of information will automatically disqualify us from representing our school in the 3rd Philippine Geography Olympiad.

Signature over printed name of Representative 1

Signature over printed name of Representative 2

Signature over printed name of Alternate Representative

Signature over printed name of Instructor/Adviser/Coach

Signature over printed name of Principal