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January 9, 2014

DR. ELLEN DONATO
Regional Director
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Cordillera Administrative Region Division

Dear Dr. Ellen Donato:

Greetings!

The Saint Louis University Debate Society will be hosting the 2nd Seraphin Devesse High School Public Speaking and Debate Invitational Cup on January 19 and 26, 2014 (Elimination Rounds) and January 31, 2014 (High Rounds) at SLU Main Campus Otto hahn building and Perfecto building respectively.

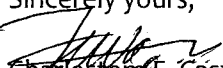
The objective of the tournament is to spread the culture of debating among the different high school institutions within Northern Luzon by incorporating a coaching program that will start on January 12, 2014 that will enhance the argumentative skills of the participants.

In this regard, we are asking for your endorsement of the said activity to the different high school within Baguio and La Trinidad to encourage their participation in the said event. The endorsement is in line with the request of the participating high school institutions to have the activity be endorsed by the DepEd for the event to properly gain merit.

Attached with this letter is a copy of the official invitation letter for the general circulation to the different high school institutions.

With all these said, we look forward for your favorable response. Thank you.

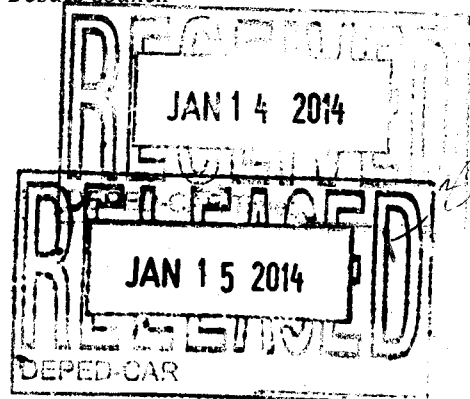
Sincerely yours,


Charleston E. Castro
President/ Tournament Director
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Noted by


Mrs. Jennifer C. Aquino
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Department of Education
Cordillera Administrative Region
Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet

January 14, 2014

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Divisions

For information, guidance and appropriate action


ELLEN B. DONATO, ED.D., CESO III
Director IV



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January 7, 2014

Dear Ma'am/Sir:

Greetings!

In its committed mission to spread the culture of debate and intellectual discussions among various secondary schools within Northern Luzon, the Saint Louis University Debate Society (SLU – DS) would like to invite your institution to participate in the **2nd Seraphin Devesse High School Public Speaking and Debate Invitational Cup** on January 19 and 26, 2014 (Tournament proper – elimination rounds) and January 31, 2014 (championship round) at the SLU Campus.

This tournament is one of the largest organized public speaking and debate competition for high school students within the Northern Luzon area.

In lieu of the modern debating standards used in the World Universities Debate Championship (WUDC), the event will utilize a Power – Matching System using the accumulated team score and speaker score to determine the debating teams who will be competing for the higher/final rounds (Octofinals, Quarterfinals, Semifinals, Grand finals) and the aggregate speaker score to determine the top 3 speakers who will be proceeding to the Final round in the public speaking categories.

The categories for the said tournament, dates and venues are as follows:

- A. **International Speech** – January 31, 2014 at SLU Main- Perfecto Building
- B. **Impromptu Speech** – January 31, 2014 at SLU Main- Perfecto Building
- C. **Asian Parliamentary Debating** – Elimination rounds will be held on January 19 and 26, at SLU Main campus Otto Hann building; only the first 46 teams that will register shall be accommodated.

The Organizing Committee recognizes the unfamiliarity of most high school institutions in field of Public Speaking and Debate. With this, the Organization included several arrays of preparatory regiments prior to the competition to help first time debaters and public speakers grasp the basic principles in the field.

- **Public Speaking and Debate Coaching** – an optional offer of the SLU – DS for institutional coaching on specific dates prior to the tournament proper. The dates and time shall be based on the availability of the members of SLU – DS and the institution's students.

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January 17, 2014

To: All PDSs, IES, Secondary School Principals
School concerned.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE.

FRANCIS CESAR B. BRINHAS, CESO VI
CIC, Schools Division Superintendent



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The winners for the different categories will be receiving the ff:

- A. International Speech:** **1st Place** – Php 300.00, Medal and a Special Certificate of Recognition.
2nd Place – Medal and a Special Certificate of Recognition
3rd Place – Special Certificate of Recognition
- B. Impromptu Speech:** **1st Place** – Php 300.00, Medal and a Special Certificate of Recognition.
2nd Place – Medal and a Special Certificate of Recognition
3rd Place – Special Certificate of Recognition
- C. Asian Parliamentary:** **1st Place** – Php 600.00, Medals and Special Certificates of Recognition.
2nd Place – Php 300.00, Medals and Special Certificates of Recognition.
3rd Place – Medals and Special Certificates of Recognition

All remaining participants will receive a Certificate of Participation.

Adjudicators (judges) and speakers for the said event will be coming from the general membership of the **SLU Debate Society**.

The individuals from both Institutions have gone through strenuous debating and public speaking experiences (i.e: National Debate Championship, Toastmasters, Luzon Intervarsities, etc.) to uphold the quality of the seminar, workshop and tournament proper. Curriculum Vitae of the judges and speakers will also be given during the event.

Additionally, student support system will be provided during the entire event to assist participants in their concerns.

To pre - register your institution's representative/s for the said event; please contact Mr. Charleston E. Castro, Tournament Director, at 0921 - 601 - 2782, or coordinate with the official representative of the Organization to your school. For specific registration guidelines, please see page 4. Registration will be on a First Come – First Serve basis.

Please feel free to contact the tournament director for other queries and concerns.

We look forward to your active participation in our tournament. Thank you very much!

Sincerely yours,


CHARLESTON E. CASTRO
President/Tournament Director

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THE TOURNAMENT

The fulfillment of SLU Debate Society's goal of spreading the debating culture is dependent on the students' well-grounded knowledge and understanding of current events and the principles behind it. Also, a good amount of hands-on experience in the field of public speaking and argumentation is crucial for a holistic development in one's speaking skills. With this in mind, the Society will be starting the event with a seminar and workshop before the tournament proper depending on the request date of different institutions.

Also, this is to ensure that each participant will be as close to equal grounding as possible with each other in terms of Matter (Newsfeeds, Basic Debating Principles, etc.), Manner (Proper Body Language, Voice Modulation, etc.) and Method (Organization of thoughts, Speech construction, etc.) before they compete.

The tournament proper will comprise of the following categories:

A. International Speech

- A highly prepared type of speech tackling local and international issues.
- The topic to be discussed will be given to the competing participants a week before the start of the tournament proper.
- The use of notes is strictly prohibited during the participant's turn to speak.
- The speech must fall within a 5 – 7 minute time frame.
- Having an under or over time of more than 15 seconds will result to 5 points being deducted from the speaker's total score. If the speaker goes beyond the 7 minutes and 15 seconds mark, the judge is mandated to cut the speech. The scoring rubric for this category is provided on Page 6.
- The top 5 speakers from the elimination rounds will proceed to the finals.

B. Impromptu Speech

- On the spot public speaking contest tackling the same abovementioned issues.
- Speakers are given 10 minutes to think after the release of the topic. After which, the participant must speak within a 4 – 6 minute time frame.
- The use of notes is allowed.
- The abovementioned over/under time penalty applies. The scoring rubric is provided on Page 7.
- The top 5 speakers from the elimination rounds will proceed to the finals.

C. Asian Parliamentary Debate

- A formal debate format consisting of two teams; the affirmative and the negative. Each team comprises of 3 members with specific speaker roles to perform.
- The motion (topic to be discussed) is released 30 minutes before the round starts.
- Parliamentary Debating utilizes the ISSUE-BASED SYSTEM of choosing winners in a particular round. Contrary to the notion of Manner-Matter-Method system of choosing winners, Parliamentary Debate sees that these 3 elements conjoin in a way that best tackles the motion, provides the best clash, and instigates well constructed and analyzed arguments and rebuttals. It is about using the Matter strategically to provide credibility in the claims while integrating a Manner that convinces the adjudicators in a Method that suits the speech (i.e: arguments, rebuttals, POIs, etc.) best to come up with a fully realized case.
- The top 16 teams with the most wins after the elimination rounds will proceed to quarterfinals in the higher rounds.



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REGISTRATION

All Secondary Educational Institutions are highly encouraged to participate in the said event. Institutions may send as many participants as they could, however, **only the first 46 teams could be accommodated for the Asian Parliamentary Debate category.**

Important Note: to provide equal chance for other Institutions to participate in the Asian Parliamentary, the SLU Debate Society will be imposing an institutional cap of ten (8). Therefore, an Institution may only send a maximum number of Ten (8) teams in the abovementioned category.

Also, each competing student may engage in only one (1) category as to avoid possible conflicts in schedule as the tournament's implementation of activities is concerned.

A registration fee of Php 120.00 will be collected from each participant of the International and Impromptu speech category while;

Php 350.00 will be collected from each participating team for the Asian Parliamentary Debate category.

The registration fee will cover the competing participants' I.D Pass, Certificates, and Debate Kits.

For observers, coaches, trainers, spectators or any non – competing participants; an **Observer's fee of Php 80.00** will be collected to cover for their I.D Pass, and Debate Kits.

Important Note; The collected Registration Fee for the participants and observers **WILL NOT INCLUDE** their lunch, snacks, and other miscellaneous expenses (i.e: Transportation fees, etc.) during the entire duration of the event.

The SLU Debate Society recognizes the financial difficulty that a willing high school participant may encounter in paying the registration fee. Therefore, **the Society is willing to accept registration fees paid in a two – term installment.** With this, interested competing or non – competing participants may now register and reserve their slots (First – Come; First Serve basis) by paying half (50%) of their total registration fee on or before January 17, 2014.

The remaining balance will then be collected on the first day of the elimination rounds on January 19, 2014.

For other concerns and queries, please contact the tournament director, any time, at 0921 – 601 – 2782.



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RUBRIC FOR IMPROMPTU SPEECH CONTEST

Name of Contestant:

Institution:

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JUDGING STANDARDS	POINT SYSTEM				
	EXCELLENT	VERY SATISFACTORY	SATISFACTORY	VERY UN - SATISFACTORY	POOR
Speech Development (Introduction, Body, Finale/close, Organization Smoothness)	30	23 - 29	15 - 22	8 - 14	0 - 7
Effectiveness (Logic, Wit, Enthusiasm, Achievement of Purpose Audience Response)	20	15 - 19	10 - 14	5 - 9	0 - 4
Body Language (Gestures, Appearance, Confidence, Facial Expressions)	15	11 - 14	8 - 10	3 - 7	0 - 2
Vocal Language (Tone, Vocal modulation Volume, Pacing)	15	11 - 14	8 - 10	3 - 7	0 - 2
Language (Appropriateness to Speech, Grammar, Vocabulary, Word Selection, Pronun - Citation)	15	11 - 14	8 - 10	3 - 7	0 - 2
TOTAL SCORE:					



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RUBRIC FOR INTERNATIONAL SPEECH CONTEST

Name of Contestant:
Institution:

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JUDGING STANDARDS		POINT SYSTEM				
		Excellent	Very Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Very Un-Satisfactory	Poor
Speech Development (Progression of Ideas And use of Supporting Materials) Efficacy (Answers questions and Issues. Achieves the Purpose of the speech) Value (Ideas, Argumentative Logic and Deductive Skills)	M / C A O T N T T E E R N T	20	16 - 19	10 - 15	6 - 9	0 - 5
		15	11 - 14	8 - 10	4 - 7	0 - 3
50pts.		15	11 - 14	8 - 10	4 - 7	0 - 3
Body Language (Gestures, Appearance) Vocal Language (Volume, Pacing, Grammar, Pronunciation, Vocabulary, Word selection)	M A N N E R	10	7 - 9	5 - 6	2 - 4	0 - 1
		20	16 - 19	10 - 15	6 - 9	0 - 5
40pts.		10	7 - 9	5 - 6	2 - 4	0 - 1
Appeal (Mood and tone of the Speech, Over-all Coordination of Physical And Vocal variables) Organization (Logical arrangement, Explanations support Main ideas, Coherence)	M E T H O D	10	7 - 9	5 - 6	2 - 4	0 - 1
		10pts.				
TOTAL SCORE						