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Subject: Request for Endorsement of the Kamalig Novice Asian Parliamentary 5 (KNAP5)

Dr. Valderama,

Greetings of peace and excellence!

We respectfully write to your esteemed office to request an **official endorsement** for th upcoming **Kamalig Novice Asian Parliamentary 5 (KNAP5)**, a novice-level parliamentar debate tournament organized by Kamalig Debate, scheduled on **January 23–24, 2027**, to b held online via Discord and Google Meet.

Recognized as **one of the largest novice debate tournaments in the Philippines**, KNAP5 specifically designed for junior and senior high school students in their novice stage c competitive debating. Across its four previous iterations, the tournament has consistentl produced **Bulakenyo champions across its various break categories**—demonstrating th strong competitive caliber of local learners and providing an accessible platform fc emerging speakers from the province to excel on a national stage. Through structured 3-on- Asian Parliamentary rounds and comprehensive oral adjudication feedback, KNAP5 aims t further cultivate critical thinking, articulate communication, civic awareness, and constructiv discourse among Bulakenyo youth.

In line with DepEd's thrust to promote holistic learner development and academic excellenc we humbly request the Schools Division of Bulacan's endorsement to disseminate informatio about the tournament to public and private secondary schools across the division. A minim registration fee of **₱200.00 per participant** will be collected solely to cover operationc adjudication, and logistical costs; participation shall remain strictly voluntary, non-disruptiv

of regular classes (DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005), and chargeable to personal or externa sponsorship funds with no mandatory collection imposed on public school students.

Attached herewith are the **tournament concept paper and mechanics** for your perusal an favorable consideration. Interested schools and participants may register vi tinyurl.com/KNAP5Registration on or before **January 20, 2027**, and additional tournamer information may be accessed at **kamaligdebate.com**. Should your office require furthe details, please feel free to contact us at **0933-161-9325** or **kamaligdebate@gmail.com**.

Thank you very much for your continued support for youth empowerment and academi enrichment in the Province of Bulacan.

Sincerely,
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Kamalig Novice Asian Parliamentary 5 Handbook

Prepared by Kamalig Debate
For Official Participants and Stakeholders

The Kamalig Novice Asian Parliamentary 5 (KNAP5) is an Asian Parliamentary–format debat tournament designed for first-time and developed debaters. This edition is held entirely onlin providing access to participants regardless of location while maintaining the same standarc of fairness, growth, and learning.

Debate Format

KNAP5 adheres to the Asian Parliamentary (AP) format.

- Two teams per round: Government and Opposition
- Three speakers per team
- Eight speeches per round: six constructive speeches lasting seven (7) minutes each, and two reply speeches lasting four (4) minutes each.
- Points of Information (POIs): May be offered after the 1st minute and before the 6th minute of a constructive speech. POIs are not permitted during the reply speeches.

AP is a 3-on-3 debate format where the two opposing teams (Government and Oppositior compete to persuade the judge.

Team Roles

Team	Speaker	Role
Government	Prime Minister (PM)	Defines the motion, sets param and provides main arguments.
	Deputy Prime Minister (DPM)	Rebuts the Leader of Oppositior provides further arguments.

Team	Speaker	Role
	Government Whip (GW)	Presents final Government argu provides rebuttal, and summari the Government's case.
Opposition	Leader of Opposition (LO)	Refutes the Prime Minister, chall the definition/parameters, and the Opposition's stance.
	Deputy Leader of Opposition (DLO)	Rebuts the Deputy Prime Ministe provides further arguments for Opposition.
	Opposition Whip (OW)	Presents final Opposition argun provides rebuttal, and summari the Opposition's case.

Tournament Structure

The tournament is organized as follows:

Preliminary Rounds:
Teams debate across four preliminary rounds; whereas the pairings after Round 1 are base on points (power-pairing).

The Break:
After preliminaries, the top teams advance to elimination rounds based on total team point speaker scores, and the break cap managed by the CAP. Details about the CAP can be seen i the registration form.

Adjudication

Each round is adjudicated by a panel or a solo chair who:

- Decides who won the round.
- Scores individual speakers on a 68–82 scale.
- Provides oral adjudication and constructive feedback immediately after the call.

Feedback is integral. Participants are required to score the chair from 0 to 10 depending o how just their oral adjudication was. Participants are encouraged to listen carefully and app comments in subsequent rounds.

Online Tournament Mechanics

Platform

- Primary Platform: Discord
- Backup Platform: GMeet (only if technical issues occur on Discord)

Room Setup

- Each debate round has a designated Voice Channel and Text Channel fc announcements.
- Motion announcements, prep time, and calls will be handled through text and pinne messages in the relevant channel.

Preparation

- Motions are released in the text channel.
- Prep time is monitored by the tournament runner.
- Teams may use private calls or group chats during prep, but they must return to th main debate voice channel before speeches begin.

Speech Delivery

- Speeches are delivered in the assigned Voice Channel.
- Microphones must be tested prior to speaking.
- Cameras are encouraged but not required, unless otherwise specified by th adjudication core.

Points of Information (POIs)

- POIs are offered by verbally interrupting during allowed minutes.
- Participants are expected to keep interruptions concise and courteous.

Adjudication and Feedback

- After each round, adjudicators deliberate in a separate private channel.

- Adjudicators must input the score of the debaters by consensus in the provided Privat URL Feedback Button.
- The result and ranking will then be announced in the debate room.
- Oral adjudication and constructive feedback are delivered immediately after the call.
- Debaters must input the score of the judge who performed the oral adjudication in th provided Private URL Feedback Button.

Conduct and Tech Requirements

- Participants must ensure a stable internet connection, working microphone, and quiet environment.
- All participants are expected to maintain professional conduct in all channels.
- In case of disconnection, notify the tournament runner through the text chann immediately.

Contact

For questions, technical assistance, or clarifications, contact the Organizing Committe through the official Facebook Account (Kamalig Debate Tournaments) or via Kamali Debate's provided email.