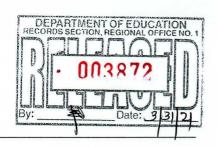


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### RESCUE: Reviving the Philippine Economy through Strengthening the Healthcare System (Econ No-Mix 2021)

The University of the Philippines Organization of Business Economics Majors (UP OBEM) will hold Econ No-Mix 2021, an annual economics convention that aims to bring together 200 high school students nationwide to promote economics by introducing economic concepts in various fields through talks and competitions. The activity shall be held on May 15-16, 2021 via online platforms, primarily Zoom.

This year's Econ No-Mix is entitled *RESCUE: Reviving the Philippine Economy through Strengthening the Healthcare System.* Interested schools may reserve slots through bit.ly/ENM2021ReservationLuzon. Reservation is on first come, first served basis.

Attached is the invitation from UP OBEM for ready reference. The full primer may be accessed at bit.ly/ENM2021Primer.

The participation of personnel and staff of the Department of Education from the regional and schools division offices, including public and private secondary schools, shall be on a voluntary basis.

The activity 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.

For more information, please send your message to:

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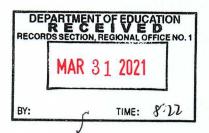
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March 30, 2021

#### **TOLENTINO G. AQUINO**

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Dear Mr. Aquino:

Greetings!

We are the **UP Organization of Business Economics Majors** (**UP OBEM**), a duly recognized socio-academic organization based in the School of Economics, University of the Philippines Diliman. It has been triumphant in furthering its core thrusts of unity, service, and excellence. Now on its 33<sup>rd</sup> year, UP OBEM continues to promote and strengthen its presence as the only business organization in the UP School of Economics, committed to fostering academic excellence and providing exposure to business and economics environments among its members and the student community.

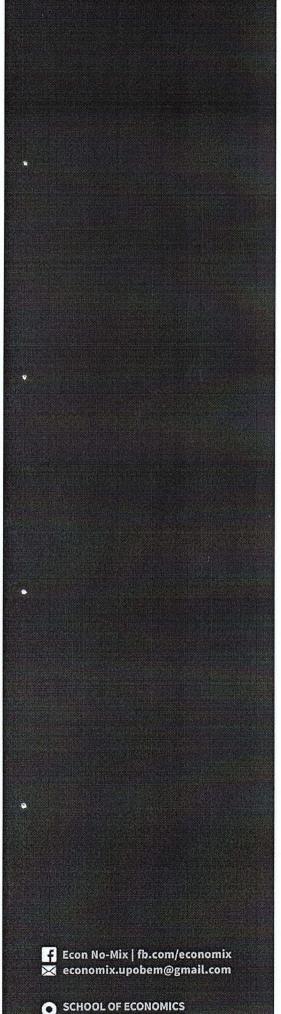
After one year of hiatus, UP OBEM will once again hold Econ No-Mix, an annual economics convention that aims to bring together 200 high school students nationwide to promote economics by introducing different economic concepts in various fields through talks and competitions. It will be held on May 15 and 16, 2021, via several online platforms, primarily Zoom.

Econ No-Mix 2021, entitled "RESCUE: Reviving the Philippine Economy through Strengthening the Healthcare System", will focus on public health, with a special focus on the government's role in developing and implementing policies to strengthen the healthcare system and how responses to public health issues can improve economic outcomes. The talks and competitions will serve as an avenue for the participants to learn about the state of the Philippines' health care system and its relationship to the economy, as well as possible means to meet its long-term objectives, all the while being linked to basic economic concepts and applications that are evident in everyday lives.

Pursuant to DepEd Order No. 8 s. 2013 entitled "Policy Guidelines on Regulating the Issuance of DepEd Advisories," we would like to request an advisory from your good office to further promote our event and to encourage a greater audience to participate in the competitions.



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There shall be **NO REGISTRATION FEES** for the event. Furthermore, **certificates of recognition** will be given to all participants, with **cash prizes** awarded to the overall Top 3 Winners of this year's Econ No-Mix.

Participating schools may reserve their slots through <a href="http://bit.ly/ENM2021ReservationLuzon">http://bit.ly/ENM2021ReservationLuzon</a>. Reservation shall be made on a **first-come**, **first-served** basis. They may access the full primer at <a href="http://bit.ly/ENM2021Primer">http://bit.ly/ENM2021Primer</a> for detailed information about the registration process, general mechanics, and the competitions. For updates, they are encouraged to follow us on Facebook page: Econ No-Mix <a href="https://www.facebook.com/econnomix">https://www.facebook.com/econnomix</a>. For inquiries, they may email us at <a href="mailto:schoolrelations.economix@gmail.com">schoolrelations.economix@gmail.com</a>, message us on our official FB page, or contact the undersigned below.

Attached herewith are the formal letter of endorsement request and the official primer for your perusal. Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

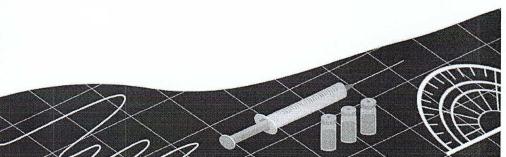
We hope for your positive response and we look forward to a fruitful partnership with you in this endeavor. Thank you!

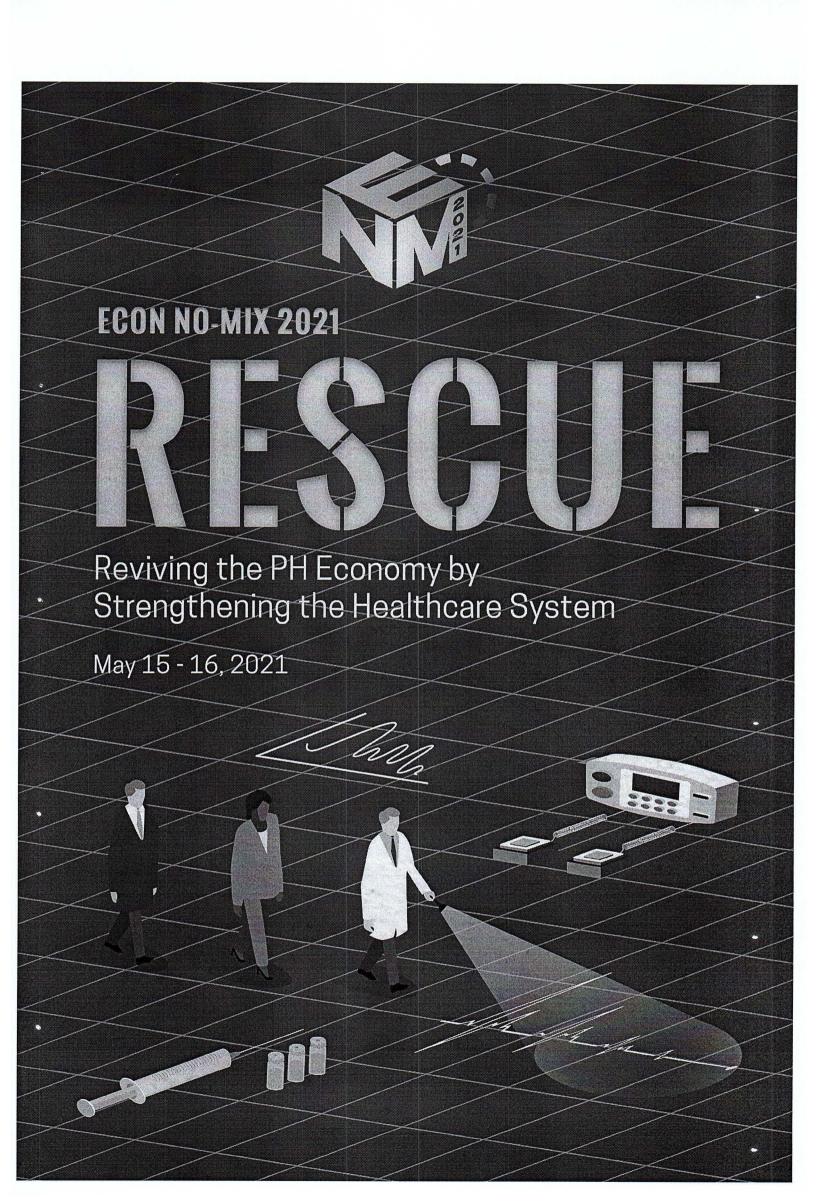
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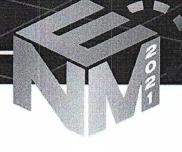
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Econ No-Mix is an annual economics convention that aims to bring together high school students nationwide in order to promote economics by introducing different economic concepts in various fields through talks and competitions. It is organized by the UP Organization of Business Economics Majors.

After one year of hiatus, Econ No-Mix is back with the title, "RESCUE: Reviving the Philippine Economy through Strengthening the Healthcare System". This year's Econ No-Mix will focus on public health, with a special focus on the government's role in developing and implementing policies to strengthen the healthcare system and on how responses to public health issues can affect economic outcomes. The talks and competitions will serve as an avenue for the participants to learn about the state of the Philippines' healthcare system and its capacity to improve health outcomes, as well as possible means to meet its long-term objectives, all the while being linked to basic economic concepts and applications that are evident in everyday lives.



# SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

### Day 1: May 15, 2021 (Saturday)

TIME	ACTIVITY PLATFORM		
8 A.M 9 A.M.	Preparation Time and Call Time for Participants	Zoom	
9 A.M 12 N.N.	Students' Convention Teachers' Convention	Zoom	
12 N.N 1 P.M.	Lunch Break		
1 P.M 5 P.M.	Debate Octofinals Essay Writing Eliminations Quiz Bee Eliminations	Zoom	

### Day 2: May 16, 2021 (Sunday)

TIME	ACTIVITY	<b>PLATFORM</b>
8 A.M 9 A.M.	Preparation Time and Call Time for Participants	Zoom
9 A.M 12 N.N. 12 N.N 1 P.M.	Debate Quarterfinals and Semifinals Idea Generation Finals Quiz Bee Finals Lunch Break	Zoom
1 P.M 3 P.M.	Debate Finals	Zoom
3 P.M 4 P.M.	Consolidation of Winners	
4 P.M 5 P.M.	Awarding Ceremony	Zoom



# EVENTS

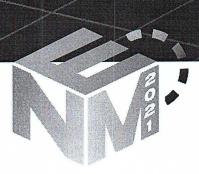
#### **Students' Convention**

The Students' Convention is an annual, half-day engagement of Econ No-Mix that exposes high school students to industry leaders and movers of society. It shows how economics provides a solution to modern-day public health challenges, where the students are given insights through talks provided by invited resource speakers.

#### **Teachers' Convention**

Acknowledging the challenge of teaching a very abstract and theoretical discipline such as economics, Econ No-Mix provides a half-day Teachers' Workshop for all high-school teachers and coaches of participating schools. This year's workshop will also tackle how prioritizing health can help teachers maximize their students' potential. The prioritization of health, particularly its mental aspect, is increasingly taking precedence in our society, and the teachers can engage this to enhance their students' experience in the classroom.





#### **Debate**

The Asian Parliamentary Debate Competition tests the critical thinking and communication skills of participating students. Lasting for one and a half days, it aims to help in developing the aforementioned skill sets through debate topics relevant to both the overall theme of Econ No-Mix and to issues currently faced by Philippine society.

#### **Essay Writing**

The Essay Writing Competition showcases the writing prowess of its participants and tests their critical thinking skills along with their knowledge of economics. By challenging students to create connections between economic concepts and their competition theme, the event hopes to instill a deeper understanding of economics and its applications to real-life situations.

#### **Idea Generation**

The Idea Generation Competition provides participating students with real-world problems and asks them to come up with concrete, feasible solutions in response to these dilemmas. It serves as an avenue for participants to showcase their creativity, innovativeness, and critical thinking.

#### **Quiz Bee**

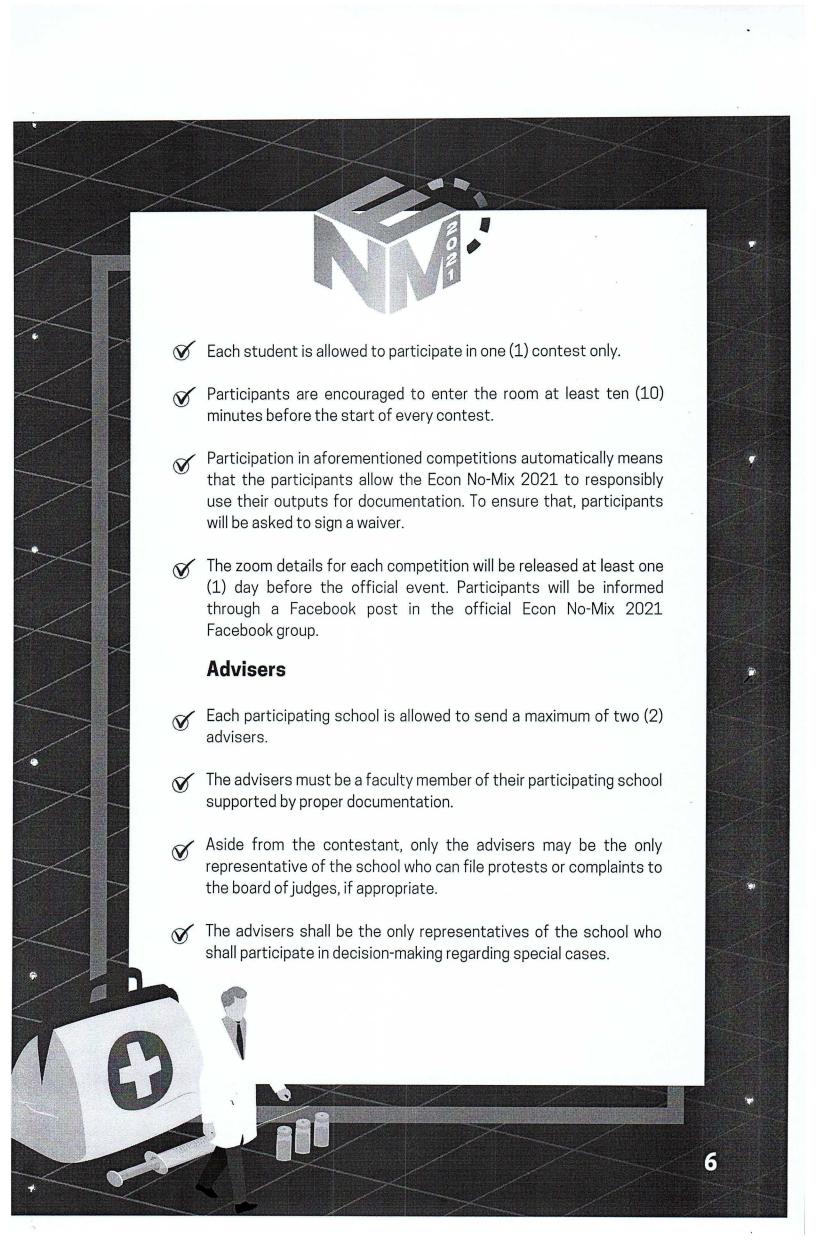
The Quiz Bee Competition tests its participants' knowledge on a variety of economic fields: macroeconomics, microeconomics, history of economics, and current economic events. Lasting one and a half days, it is one of the most competitive events in Econ No-Mix, as teams from different schools vie for the top spot in the competition.



# PARTICIPATION

#### **Contestants**

- Any public or private high school can send at least:
  - One (1) student for the Essay Writing;
  - One (1) to two (2) students for Quiz Bee;
  - One (1) team composed of three (3) members in the Debate Competition. Teams can be composed of a mix between JHS and SHS students;
  - One (1) team composed of at least two (2) and at most (3) members for the Idea Generation. Both JHS and SHS can participate.
- Participants must be bona fide junior and/or senior high school students, at least Grade 9 in A.Y. 2020-2021, of the school they are representing. Participants shall be required to attach their school IDs during registration for verification.
- Both JHS and SHS can participate in all competitions. Schools are encouraged to send students who are currently taking or have already taken at least one (1) economics subject.
- Participants must dress comfortably during synchronous competitions. However, contestants for Debate Competition should be in business casual attire.





### REGISTRATION PROCESS

#### **School Reservation**

 A teacher-in-charge must first show their intent to participate by filling out the reservation form (see the corresponding links below). Due to potential massive influx of participants, reservation shall be made on a FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED basis and per island group. However, ensure your participation first before filing for reservation.

#### **Island Group**

#### **Reservation Form Link**

Luzon Visayas Mindanao

http://bit.ly/ENM2021ReservationLuzon http://bit.ly/ENM2021ReservationVisayas http://bit.ly/ENM2021ReservationMindanao

- After signing up, wait for a confirmation message from a School Relations officer to acknowledge and accept your reservation.
   All communications shall be made using the email address that you will provide; hence, make sure that your contact details are correct, complete, and active.
- Participating schools may reserve their slots until April 30, 2021. However, the reservation form will be closed as soon as the quota of the participants is reached.
- For the time being, prepare and complete the names of your participants and their corresponding adviser/s.

#### Registration

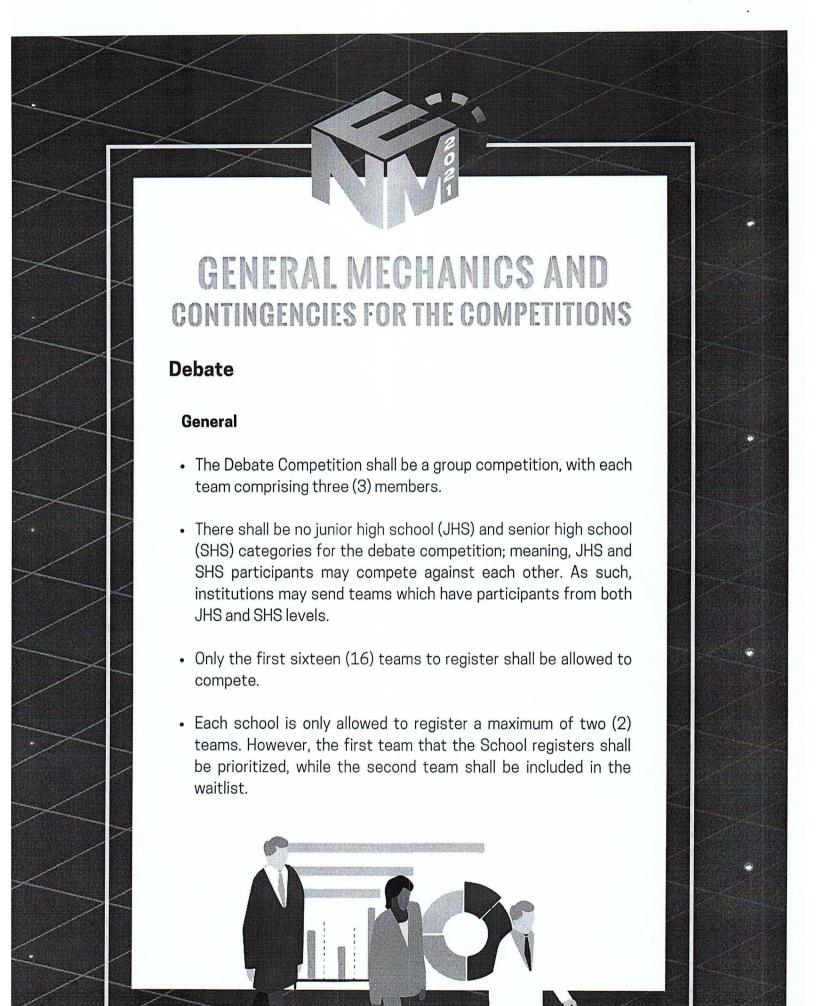
- Only schools that have reserved their slots shall be allowed to register. Acknowledged reservation guarantees registration.
- Schools that have reserved their slots may fill out the registration form that will be sent to the email address they provided in their reservation.
   The form will be open until May 9, 2021. They shall be asked to provide the following information:
  - (a) Name of school
  - (b) Contact information
  - (c) Competitions to be joined
  - (d) Names of participating students for each competition
  - (e) Names of participating teachers
  - (f) Copy of School IDs
- In the event that slots are not yet filled during the reservation period, the organizers will accept additional participants by opening registration in the Econ-No-Mix facebook page. Registration via facebook shall be made on a first come first served basis.
- Wait for a confirmation message from a School Relations officer to acknowledge your registration.
- All contestants and participants shall then be invited to a private Facebook Group for easier communication.

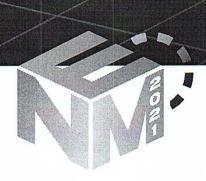
#### Remarks

- Reservation and registration are FREE of charge.
- You are not required to send participants to all competitions.
- During reservation, you are not yet required to submit the names of your participants. Only the types of competitions you will be joining and the corresponding number of participants must be finalized during this stage.
- You are only allowed to send a maximum of 9 students and two (2) advisers.

For further inquiries about the registration process, you may contact: **Arjay D. Julio | 0939 180 358** 

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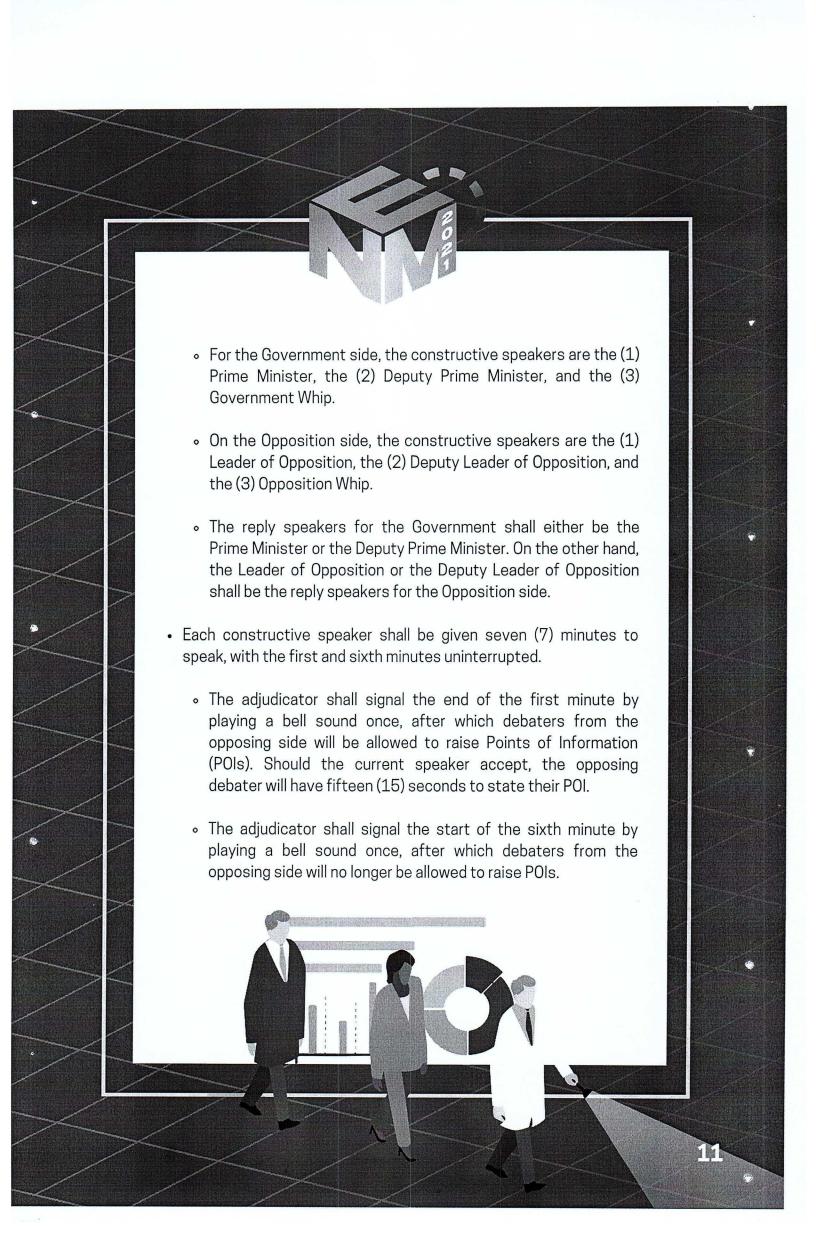


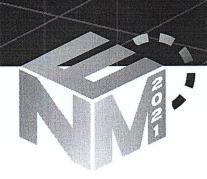


- Any team in excess of sixteen (16) shall be included in the waitlist. In the event that any of the first sixteen (16) teams shall be unable to compete, the waitlisted participants shall be contacted for registration on a first come, first served basis.
- The Debate Competition shall be held on May 15, 2021 from 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on May 16, 2021 from 08:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. via Zoom Break Out Rooms.
- Participating teams are required to be in the zoom call 5 min before the start of the preparations for the competition. Otherwise, they shall be automatically disqualified.
- Electronic devices for any purpose other than as references are prohibited during the Debate Proper, use of such will count as instant disqualification.
- During the Debate proper, all participant's videos must be turned on, and their audio shall be muted unless it is their turn to speak or allowed by the adjudicator.
- The Debate Competition Head, with the advice and consent of the Director for Events and/or Convener, has the final authority on all matters pertaining to the Debate Competition, unless otherwise stated.

#### **Format**

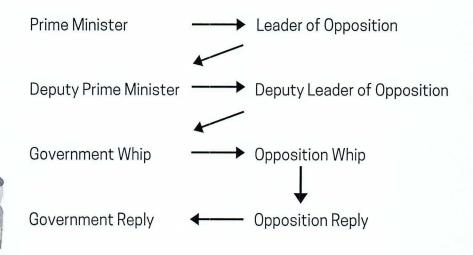
- The Debate Competition shall follow the **Asian Parliamentary** format.
- In each room, there shall be two (2) teams competing against each other, with one (1) team representing the Government and the other representing the Opposition.

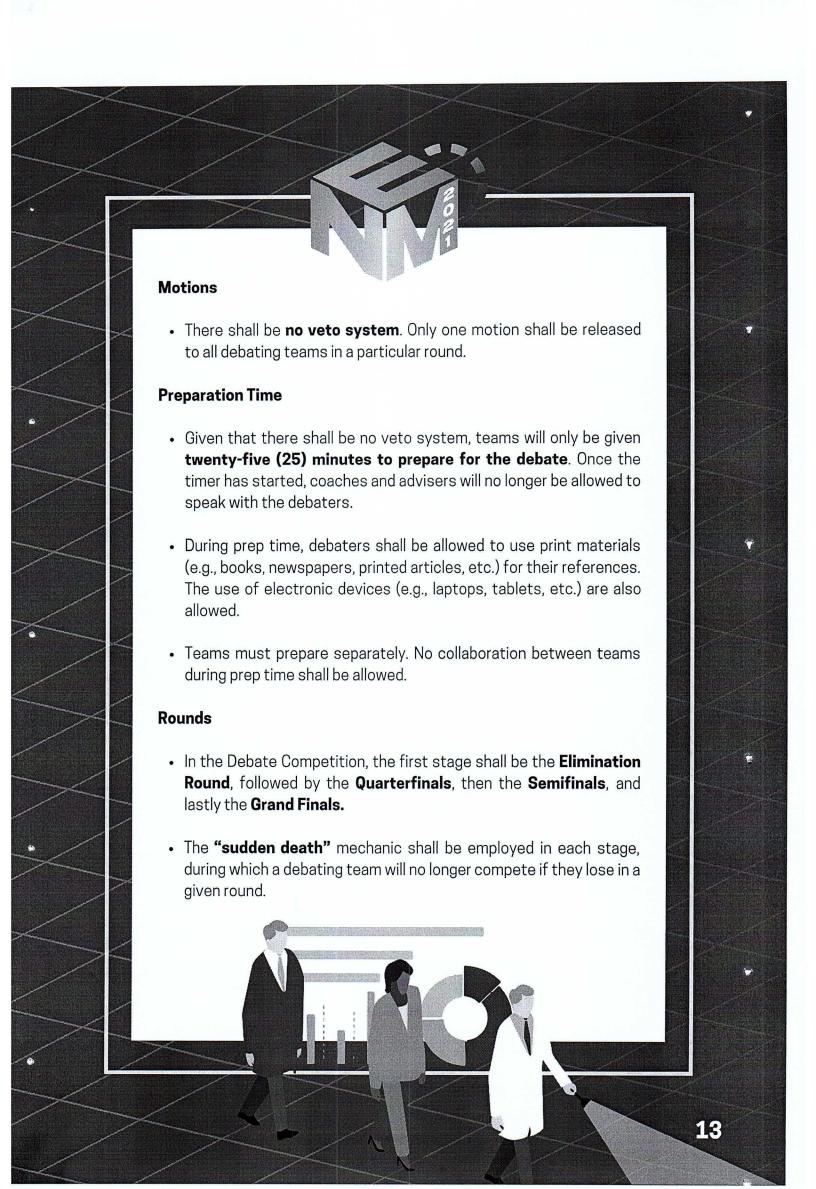


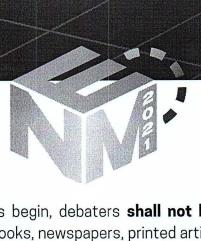


- At the start of the seventh minute, the adjudicator shall play a bell sound twice, after which the current speaker must start wrapping up his or her speech. The adjudicator shall play a bell sound thrice at fifteen-second-intervals from thereon if ever the current speaker has not yet finished speaking.
- Each reply speaker shall be given four (4) minutes to speak, with their entire speeches uninterrupted.
  - The adjudicator shall signal the end of the first minute by playing a bell sound once.
  - The adjudicator shall signal the start of the third minute by playing a bell sound once.
  - At the start of the fourth minute, the adjudicator shall play a bell sound twice, after which the reply speaker must start wrapping up his or her speech. The adjudicator shall play a bell sound thrice at fifteen-second-intervals from thereon if ever the reply speaker has not yet finished speaking.

The sequence of speakers shall be as follows;







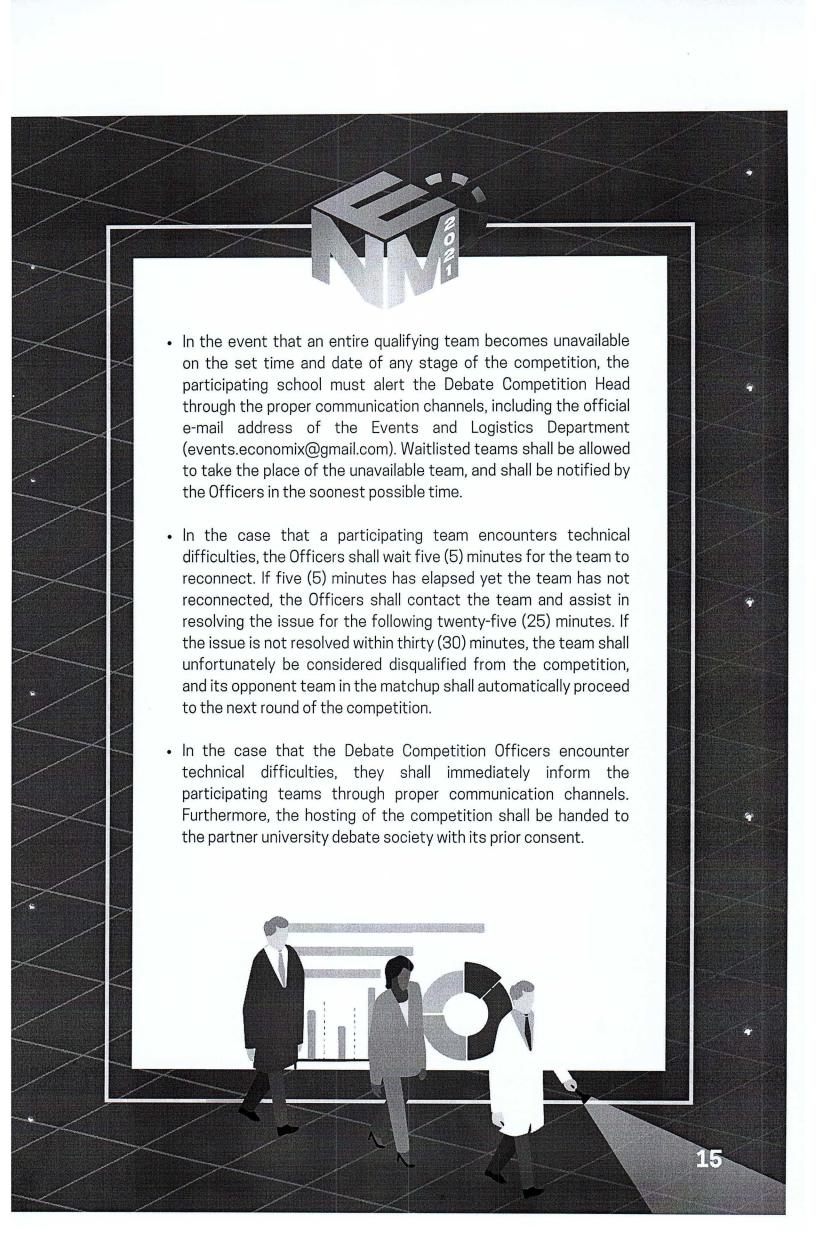
- Once the rounds begin, debaters **shall not be allowed** to use print materials (e.g., books, newspapers, printed articles, etc.) and electronic devices (e.g., laptops, tablets, etc.) for reference.
- During rounds, coaches and advisers are still not allowed to speak with the debaters.
- There shall be a 30-minute break in between consecutive stages of the competition.
- Rounds will be recorded for publicity purposes. During rounds, there will be a Facebook Live for interested parties to observe.

#### **Adjudication**

- The adjudicators shall be members from an accredited university debate society.
- The decisions of the adjudicators shall be final and irrevocable.

#### **Contingencies for the Competition**

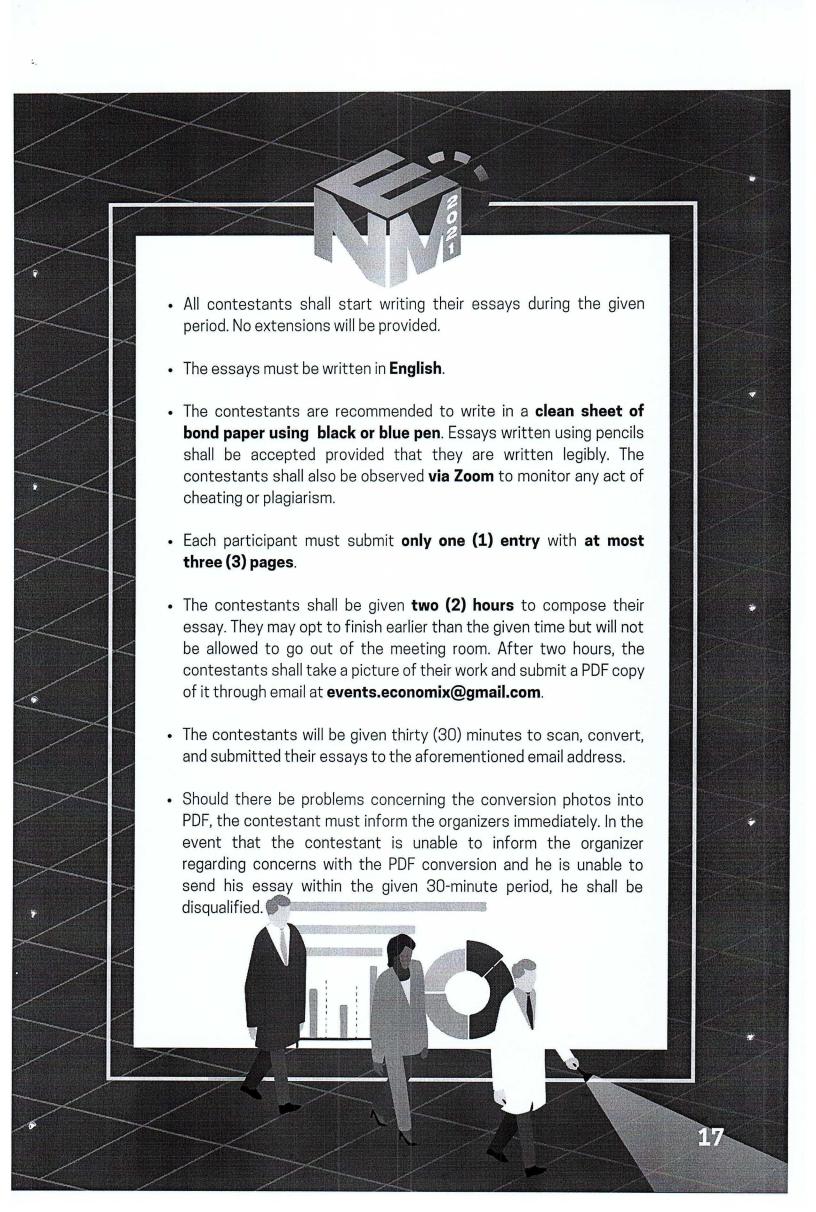
 In the event that a member of a team becomes unavailable on the set time and date of any stage of the competition, the participating school must alert the Debate Competition Officers through proper communication channels, including the official e-mail address of the Events and Logistics Department (events.economix@gmail.com). In case that the participating has registered a second team for the competition, a member of the second team shall replace the unavailable participant.

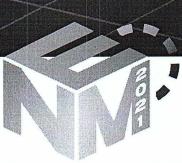


#### **Essay Writing**

#### General

- The On-the-Spot Essay Writing Competition shall be open to all students taking up Economics from private and public high schools in the Philippines.
- There shall be no junior high school (JHS) and senior high school (SHS) categories for the debate competition; meaning, JHS and SHS participants may compete against each other. As such, institutions may send teams which have participants from both JHS and SHS levels.
- Each eligible school should send only a maximum of **one (1)** participant for the competition.
- The contest shall be conducted on May 15, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. via Zoom Video Conferencing.
- The theme of the essay shall only be given during the competition proper by the official organizers. The topic will be related to the theme of Econ No-Mix 2021. Participants are therefore advised to be well-read and knowledgeable on issues concerning Public Health Economics.
- Each participant shall use their code number, which shall be given by the organizers for identification.
- The participants are not allowed to go out of the contest room (Video Conferencing) or go to the comfort room once the contest has begun.





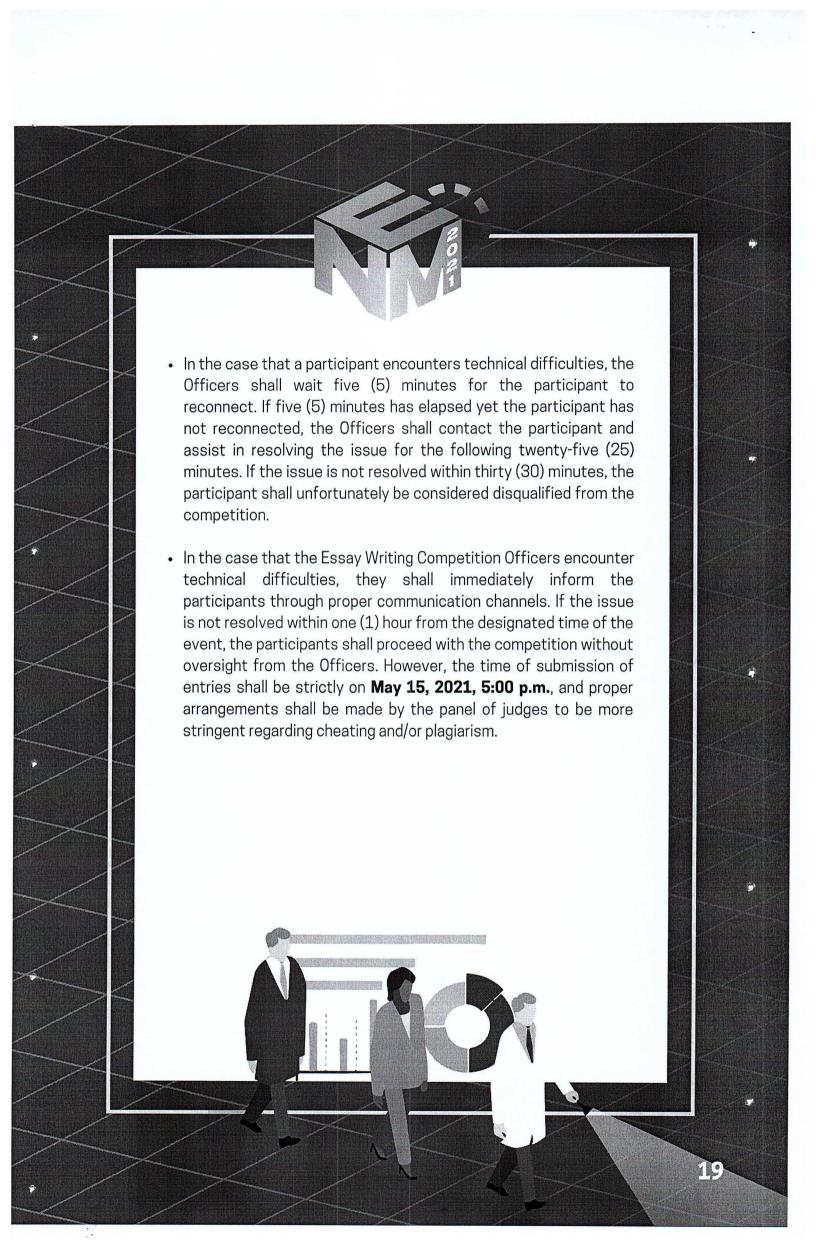
- The contestant has to provide a title for his/her essay. The theme for the contest shall not be considered as the title.
- All essays shall be judged by a panel of judges composed of experts in the fields of economics and writing. The judges' decisions shall be final and irrevocable. The criteria for Judging shall be as follows:

Content and Relevance to the theme	45 %
Organization of Ideas and Writing Style	30%
Language Proficiency, Grammar, and Punctuation	20%
Legibility of Handwriting	5%
Total	100%

- In case of a tie, the decision shall be based on the first criterion. If it fails to break the tie, the next criterion shall be used, and so on.
- The top three contestants shall be considered the Champion, First Runner-Up and Second Runner-Up, respectively.

#### **Contingencies for the Competition**

 In the event that a participant becomes unavailable on the set time and date of the Final Round, the participant shall be considered to have forfeited the competition.





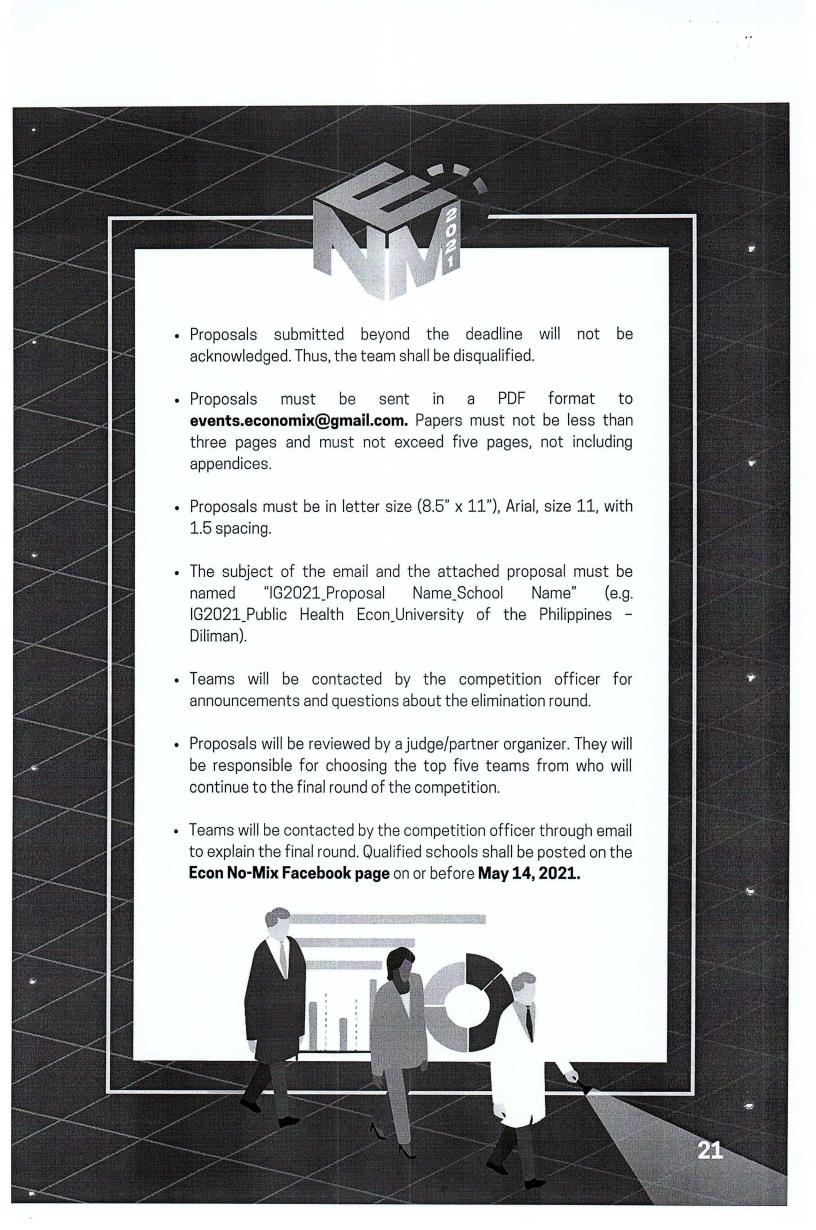
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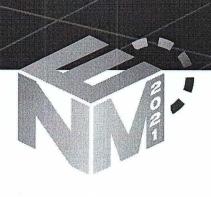
#### General

- The competition will have elimination and final rounds.
- There shall be no junior high school (JHS) and senior high school (SHS) categories for the debate competition; meaning, JHS and SHS participants may compete against each other. As such, institutions may send teams which have participants from both JHS and SHS levels.
- A maximum of **fifteen (15)** high school teams will be accepted into the competition. Registration will follow a first come, first served basis.
- Only **one (1)** team will be allowed per school.
- A team must have three (3) members.

#### **Elimination Round**

- Schools will receive an email from the Econ No-Mix team on May 3, 2021 containing the case study, paper format, and criteria for judging.
- Teams must come up with innovative ideas and solutions on how to solve the problem/s stated in the given case study while keeping in mind the theme of Econ No-Mix 2021.
- Teams are required to submit their proposals on or before May 9, 2021, 11:59 p.m. The Google Clock will be used as the basis for determining the time stamps of submissions. An acknowledgement of received entries will be sent to the teams.



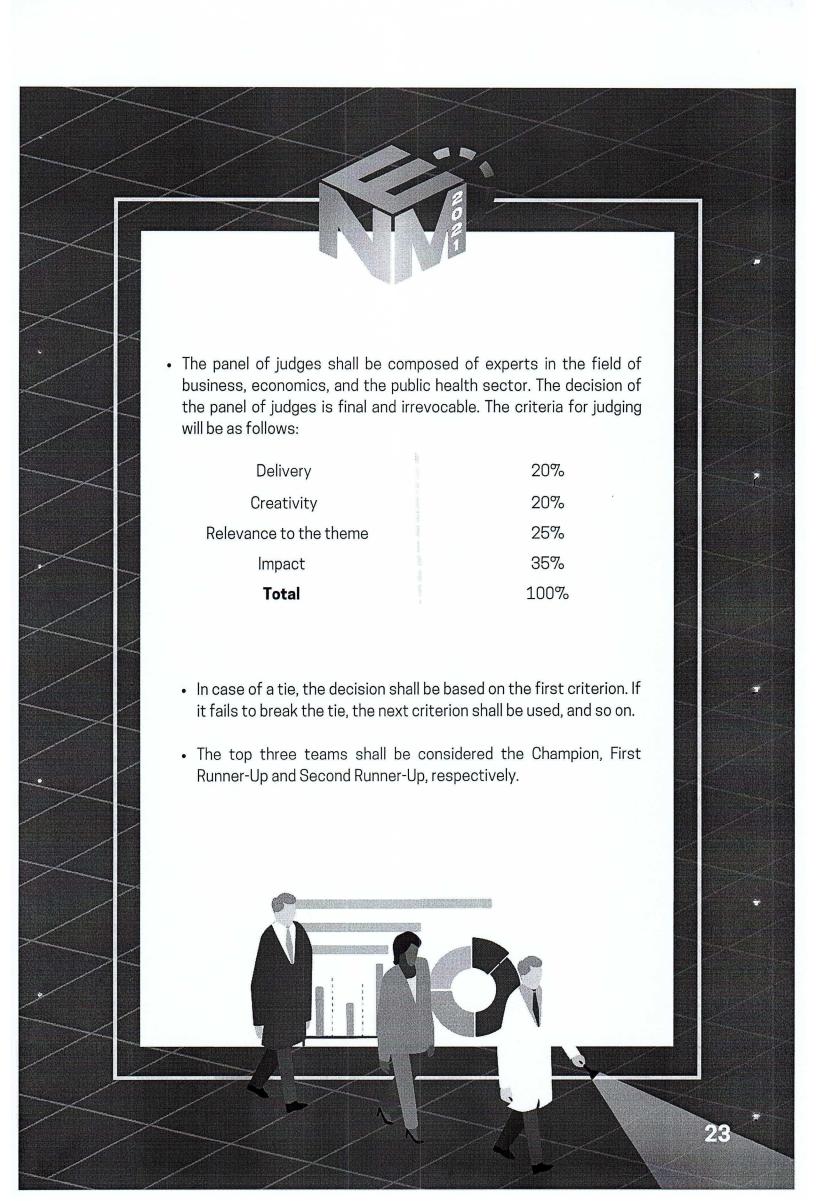


• The criteria for judging will be as follows:

Relevance of Proposed Solution/s	20%
Soundness of Proposed Solution/s	35%
Originality of Proposed Solution/s	25%
Organization of Ideas	20%
Total	100%

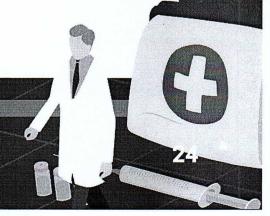
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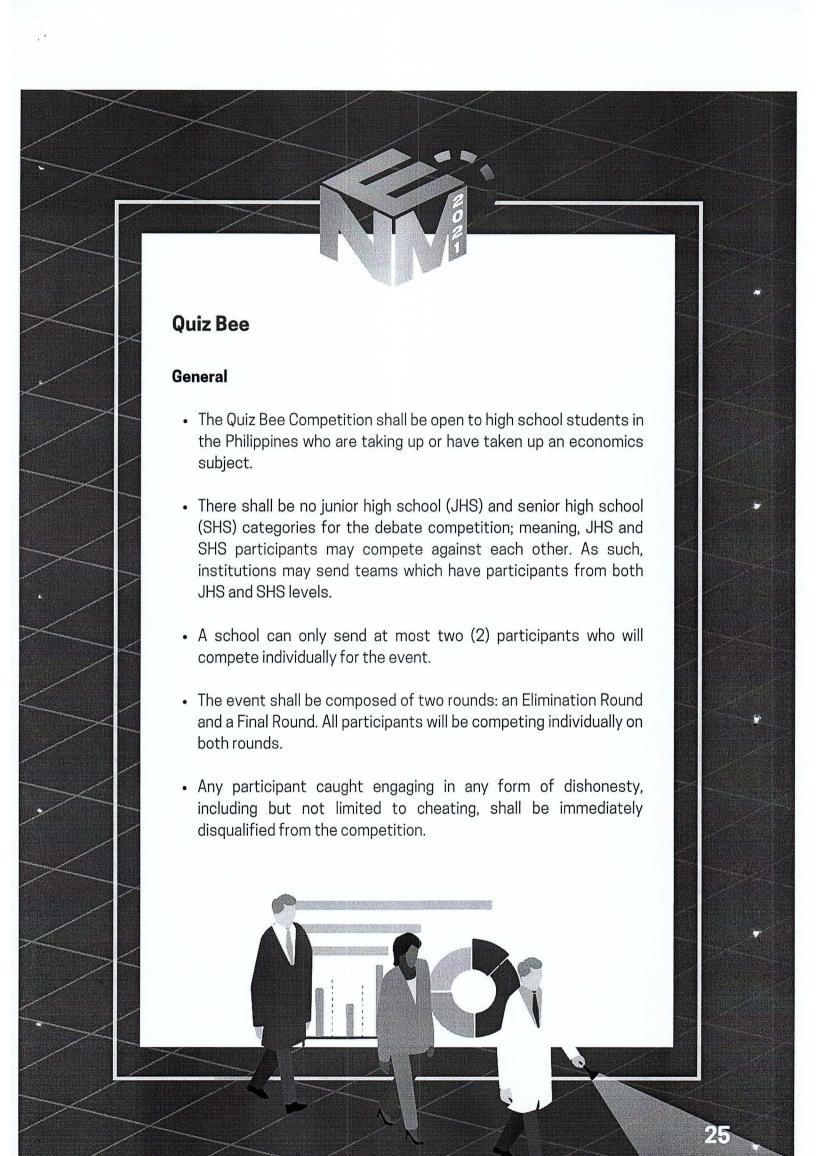
- The final round shall be held on **May 16, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 n.n.** via Zoom meeting.
- Finalists shall present their proposals to a panel of judges during the meeting. The presentations must not exceed 15 minutes and must be in PowerPoint format.
- A 15-minute forum will be allotted after each presentation. Questions from the panel of judges shall be entertained during this period.





- In the event that a qualifier of a team becomes unavailable on the set time and date of the Final Round, the participating school must alert the Idea Generation Competition Officers through the official e-mail address of the Events and Logistics Department (events.economix@gmail.com) on or before May 14, 2021, 11:59 p.m. The qualifying team shall then proceed without the said member.
- In the event that an entire qualifying team becomes unavailable on the set time and date of the Final Round, the participating school must alert the Idea Generation Competition Head through the official e-mail address of the Events and Logistics Department (events.economix@gmail.com) on or before May 14, 2021, 11:59 p.m. The next qualifying team in the Elimination Round shall be allowed to take the place of the unavailable team, and shall be notified by the Officers in the soonest possible time.
- In the case that a participating team encounters technical difficulties, the Officers shall wait five (5) minutes for the team to reconnect. If five (5) minutes has elapsed yet the team has not reconnected, the Officers shall contact the team and assist in resolving the issue for the following twenty-five (25) minutes. If the issue is not resolved within thirty (30) minutes, the team shall unfortunately be considered disqualified from the competition.
- In the case that the Idea Generation Competition Officers encounter technical difficulties, they shall immediately inform the participating teams through proper communication channels. If the issue is not resolved within one (1) hour from the designated time of the event, the competition shall be postponed to the soonest possible day. If the issue is not resolved within seven (7) days from the designated date of the event, the top three qualifying teams from the Elimination Round shall be declared the winners of the competition.







#### **Elimination Round**

- The Elimination Round shall be held on **May 15, 2021 (Saturday)** from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- The Elimination Round shall be a timed online examination conducted via Google Forms. The participants are encouraged to choose a conducive area with a strong Internet signal where they shall take the examination.
- The examination shall be composed of thirty (30) multiple choice questions which will cover several topics, namely:

History of Economics

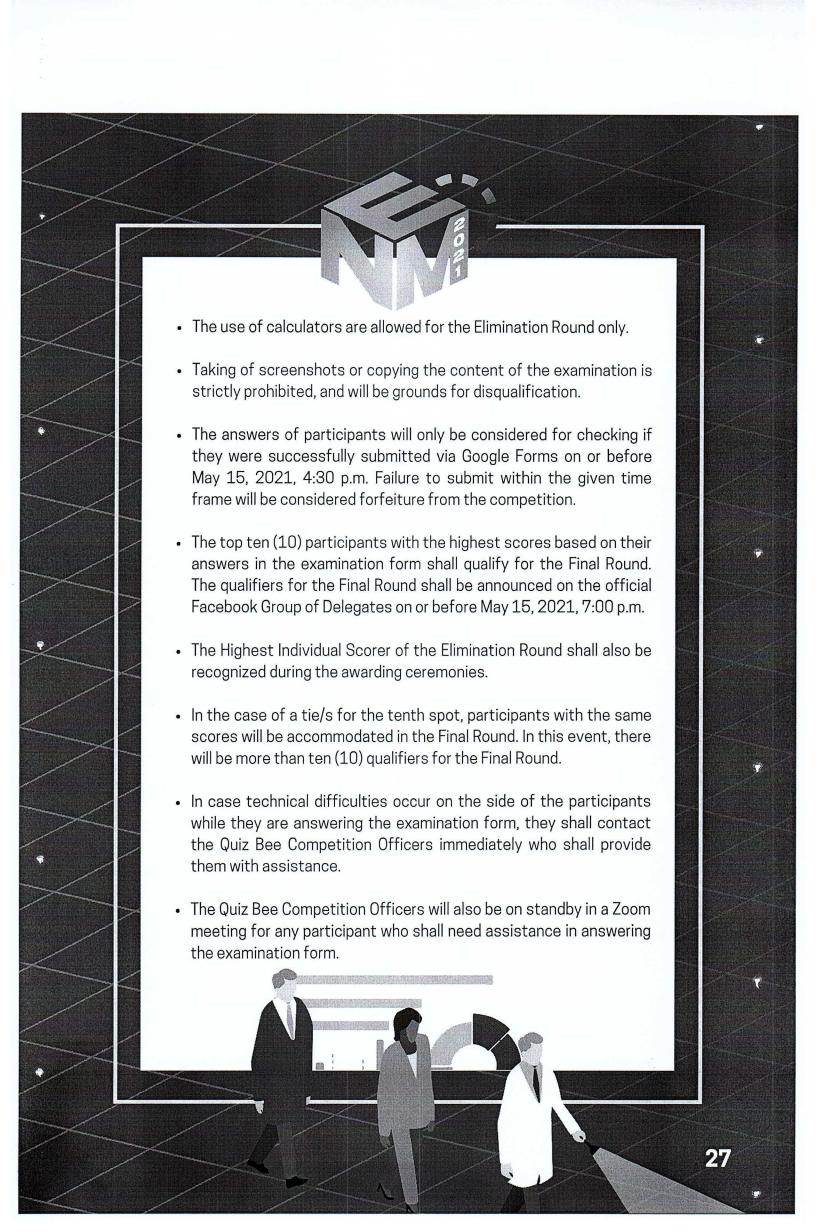
Microeconomics

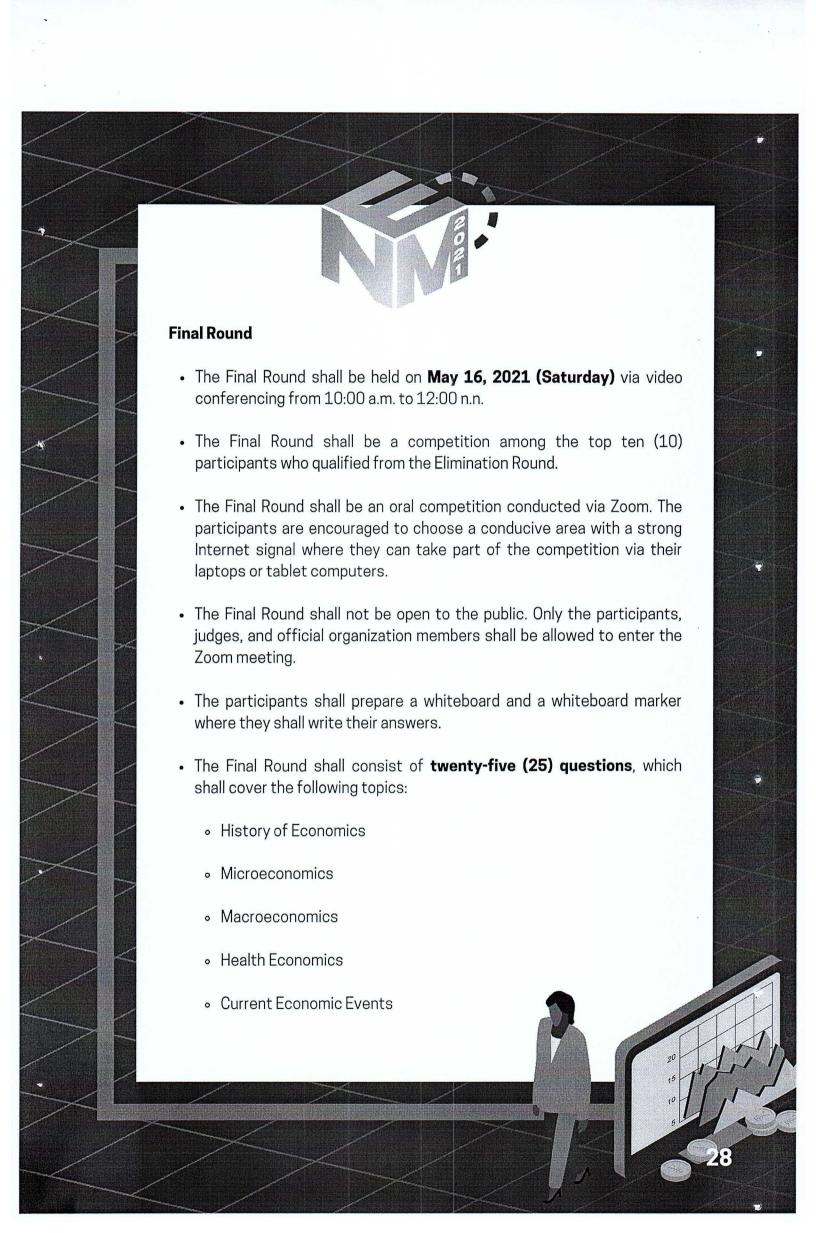
Macroeconomics

**Health Economics** 

Current Economic Events

- The participants shall complete the examination within a limited time of sixty (60) minutes. The participants will not be given an opportunity to pause the examination. Thus, participants are encouraged to be fully prepared before opening the examination form, and shall avoid leaving their testing area of choice for the entire duration of the examination.
- Participants will be required to use one (1) laptop or one (1) tablet computer with Internet access in answering the examination form. The use of such gadgets should be limited to examination purposes only.
- The participants will only be able to access the examination form via the email address that they have provided during the event registration.
   They shall be allowed to answer the form only once.
- Participants shall prepare pens and blank sheets of paper for scratch work on questions involving computations.





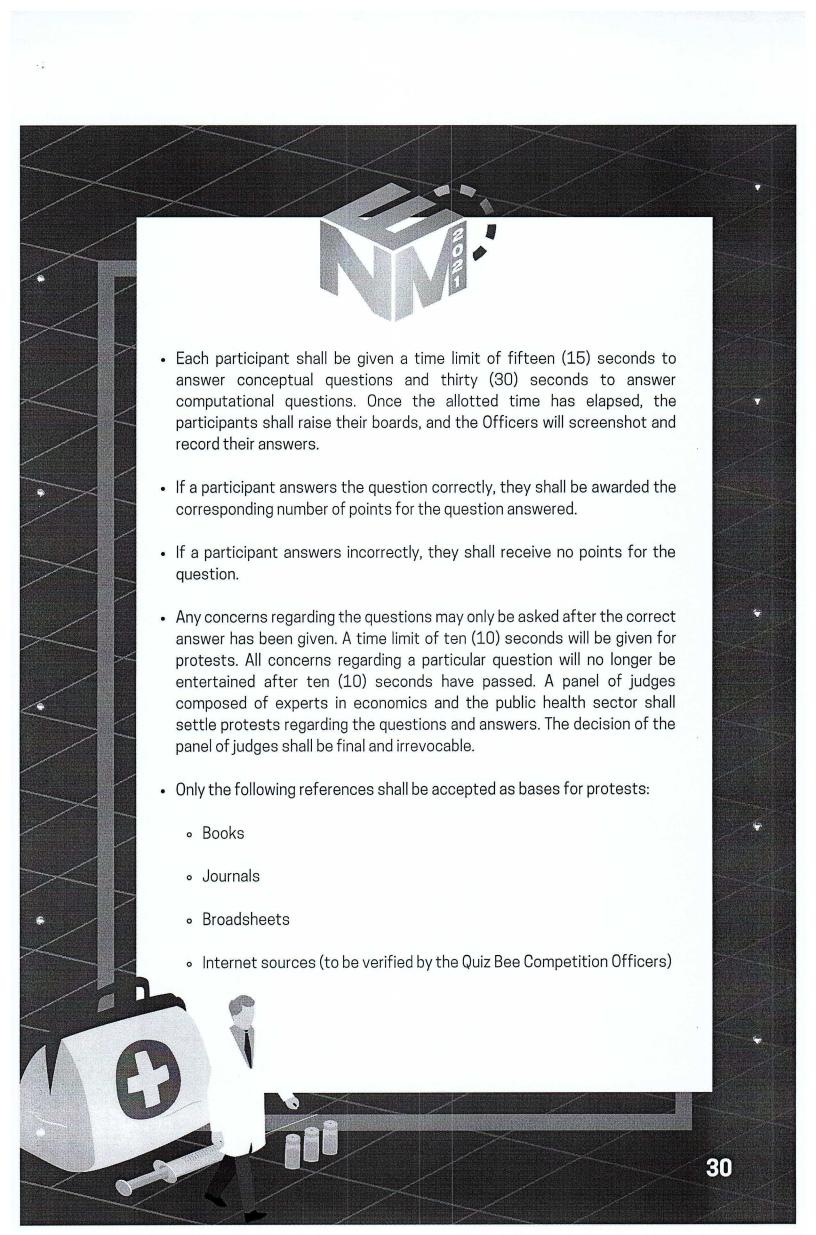


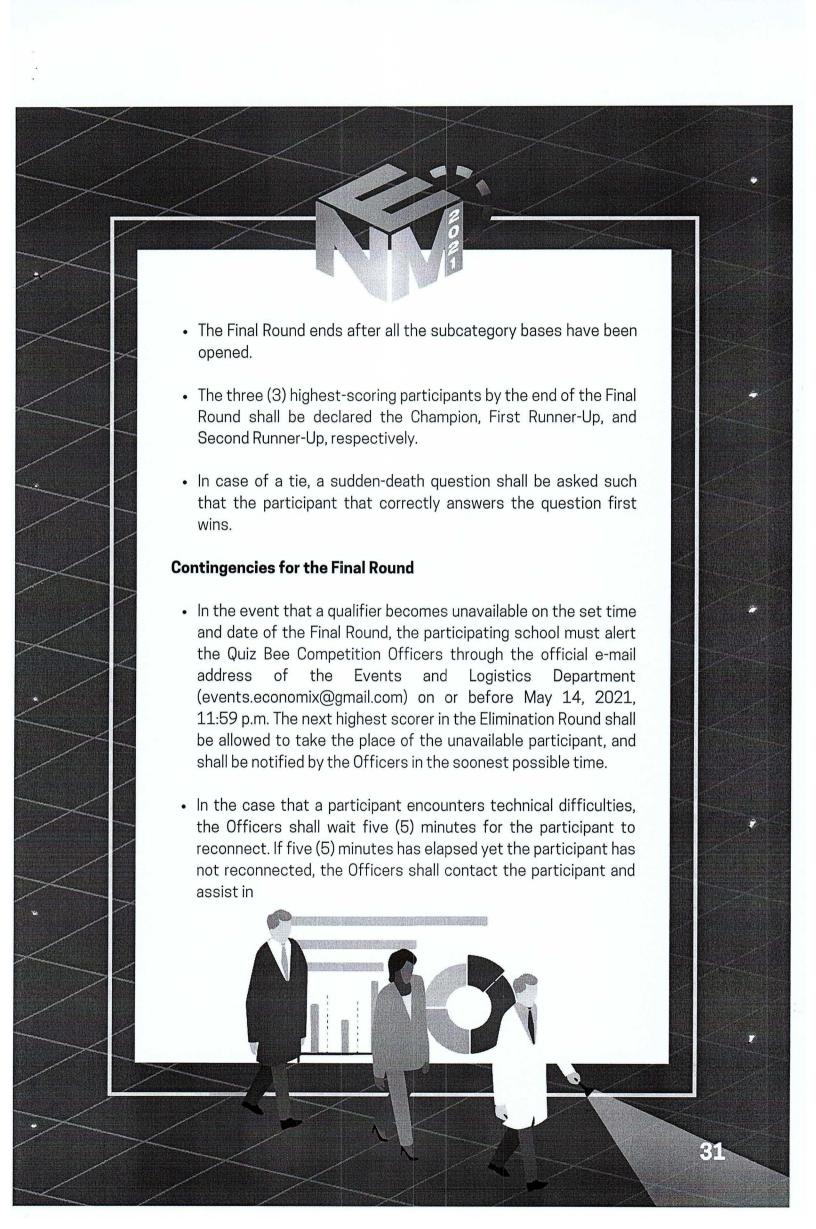
 All questions shall be divided into subcategories, which will be projected on Zoom (see illustration below) for the participants to see. Each question shall have a corresponding number of points dependent on its difficulty level.

History of Economics	Microeconomics	Macroeconomics	Health Economics	Current Economic Events
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4 pts.	4 pts.	4 pts.	4 pts.	4 pts.
5 pts.	5 pts.	5 pts.	5 pts.	5 pts.

- The top-scorer from the Elimination Round shall be given the privilege to choose the first question. The second highest scorer from the Elimination Round shall choose the second question, the third highest will choose the third question, and so on and so forth. Once the process is exhausted, the individual with the highest score at the moment shall choose the next questions. In case that two individuals are tied at the moment, the Quiz Master shall choose the next question.
- The questions may be in the following types: multiple choice, identification, fill in the blanks, or problem solving.
- The Quiz Master shall read the selected question twice. After which, the timer shall begin.







resolving the issue for the following twenty-five (25) minutes. If the issue is not resolved within thirty (30) minutes, the participant shall unfortunately be considered disqualified from the competition.

• In the case that the Quiz Bee Competition Officers encounter technical difficulties, they shall immediately inform the participants through proper communication channels. If the issue is not resolved within one (1) hour from the designated time of the event, the competition shall be postponed to the soonest possible day. If the issue is not resolved within seven (7) days from the designated date of the event, the top three highest-scoring participants from the Elimination Round shall be declared the winners of the competition.

# PRIZES

- Certificates of Participation will be given to all students, advisers, and schools.
- Certificates of Recognition will be given to the winners of the competitions.
- Only the top three winning schools of Econ No-Mix 2021 shall be awarded the prize of PHP 10,000, PHP 6,000, and PHP 3,000, respectively, during the Awarding Ceremony.
- The top three winning schools of Econ No-Mix 2021 shall be decided based on an additive point system, where schools are given points based on the awards garnered by their participants. The point system shall be finalized at a later date.

# DISGLAIMER

The Econ No-Mix 2021 Organizing Body reserves the right to change the guidelines without prior notice.