## 10<sup>th</sup> Caraga Parliamentary Debate Championship LAW FORTUN CUP

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## RATIONALE

Youth development is vital to the country's national development. The quality of leaders we will have in the future is greatly influenced by the programs and projects that the government is affording the youth. Thus, honing their talents and skills is relevant especially in this day and age where "fake news" are rampant. We need to provide our youth the skills to discern and dissect the relevance and nuance of both classical and modern issues.

Our history is replete with great leaders who can mostly articulate the concerns of the populace. These leaders usually lend their voice to a lot of causes. They fight to advance the rights of the marginalized. They shed light. They are outspoken, yet strong grounded.

In its 10<sup>th</sup> year, the Caraga Parliamentary Debate Championship: The Law Fortun Cup continues to provide the youth in this part of the country the same avenue experienced by the best and the brightest in the country. Its currency among the youth proves that there is a growing passion for intellectual discussion.

## **OBJECTIVES**

With also the support and endorsement by the Department of Education and the Commission on Higher Education, the activity aims to:

- 1. Advocate critical thinking and passionate discourse among the youth;
- 2. Provide a platform for discussion of local, national and international issues and solutions;
- 3. Promote a venue for the students to interact in an intelligent and proactive manner;
- Cultivate the spirit of sportsmanship, camaraderie and understanding, and, consequently strengthen human interaction.

## **PARTICIPANTS**

The following are eligible to participate in the tournament:

- Bona fide high school and college students in the Caraga region;
- Teachers/coaches of these teams/students who will also serve as adjudicators;
- Adjudicators invited adjudicators from other regions, independent adjudicators who are neither enrolled students nor high school teachers, and subsidized adjudicators
- High School and College students and their coaches from other regions who are interested to join; and
- Organizers and working teams