

SENATE
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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING TEAM PHILIPPINES FOR THEIR
SUCCESSFUL PARTICIPATION AT THE 2022 INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHY
OLYMPIAD, ORGANIZED BY THE INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHICAL UNION,
HELD IN PARIS, FRANCE

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Art. II, Section 17 provides that "[t]he State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development;

WHEREAS, the 2022 International Geography Olympiad is an annual competition for some of the best 16 to 19 year-old geography students from all over the world, chosen from thousands of students eager to participate and represent their country in the world stage;

WHEREAS, the Olympiad, otherwise known as iGeo, is organized by the International Geographical Union – Olympiad Task Force, which work closely with other leagues of the scientific community to keep the event synchronized with other international science Olympiads across the world, promoting scientific education and literacy for everyone;

WHEREAS, this year, the six-man Team Philippines, which represented our country at the said competition, is comprised of the following students:

1. Sophia Bagnes – Philippine Science High School – Bicol Region Campus
2. Ryan Abigan – De La Salle University Integrated School
3. Vinz Imperial – Sorsogon National High School
4. Jania Galang – Philippine Science High School – Central Luzon Campus
5. Elias Dichoso – Sorsogon National High School
6. Russel Odi – St. Jude Catholic School

WHEREAS, members of Team Philippines were able to go at it with the best, more than fifty other teams from around the world during the three-part competition which included a written test, a multimedia test and substantial fieldwork observation which led to cartographic representations and geographical analysis;

WHEREAS, Ms. Bagnes and Mr. Abigan won bronze medals and the Team Philippines' infographic poster won third place at the said competition;

WHEREAS, previously, Ms. Bagnes was the first runner-up winner of the 2022 Philippine Geography Olympiad and Mr. Abigan was the silver medalist of Team Philippines at the 2021 iGeo organized by Turkey;

WHEREAS, their exemplary performance deserves high praise and commendation from the Senate and the country, for this feat may serve as an inspiration to the future generations of Filipinos to pursue a career in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM);

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, to congratulate and commend Team Philippines for successfully participating and finishing strong at the 2022 International Geography Olympiad, held in Paris, France.

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
Senator 