

**PRESS RELEASE****22 public, private learners advance to Metrobank-MTAP-DepEd Math Challenge finals**

*PASIG CITY, March 22, 2019* – A total of 22 students representing 16 public and private schools have successfully advanced to the final leg of the 2019 Metrobank-MTAP-DepEd Math Challenge (MMC) to be held on March 30 at the Metrobank Plaza Auditorium in Makati City.

The finalists came from a roster of 403,707 students from 27,089 elementary and junior high schools who competed in the nationwide elimination rounds.

Now on its 18th year, the MMC is carried out by the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. (MBFI), the Department of Education (DepEd), and the Mathematics Teachers Association of the Philippines (MTAP), and is the most widely participated math competition in the country among elementary and high school students.

It aims to awaken greater interest in Math among students, challenge them to strive for mathematical excellence, and empower mathematically talented learners with awards and recognitions for them to serve as models to the youth.

The following are the schools competing for the Grade 6 – Individual Competition: La Marea Academy (Dagupan City); Tuguegarao West Central School (Tuguegarao City); Saint Michael Academy of Meycauayan (Bulacan); Stonyhurst Southville International School–Malarayat (Batangas City); Hua Siong College of Iloilo (Iloilo City); Lanao Chung Hua School (Iligan City); Ateneo De Davao University (Davao City); My Precious Child Learning Center (Marawi City); Silangan Elementary School (Caloocan City), and Saint Jude Catholic School (City of Manila).

Competing schools for the Grade 6–Team Competition are Silangan Elementary School (Caloocan City) and Saint Jude Catholic School (City of Manila).

Meanwhile, qualifiers for the Grade 10–Individual Competition are Grace Christian College (Quezon City); Bataan National High School (Balanga City); Zamboanga Chung Hua High School (Zamboanga City); and Quezon Science High School (Tayabas City).

Finally, competing for the Grade 10–Team Competition are Lagro High School (Quezon City); Makati Science High School (Makati City); Quezon Science High School (Tayabas City); and Zamboanga Chung Hua High School (Zamboanga City).

Over the years, MMC has produced national winners who get to compete and eventually win in international competitions, like the 57th International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) held in Hong Kong where the Philippines garnered its first gold medals.

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