



SUPREME STUDENT GOVERNMENT

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NARRATIVE REPORT

Philippine Youth Convergence
June 14 to 17, 2022

The Department of Education (DepEd) through the Youth Formation Division (YFD) under the Office of the Assistance Secretary for Youth Affairs and Special Concerns (OASYASC) lead the 3-day conduct of the Philippine Youth Convergence (PYC) 2022 which was held in Puerto Princesa, Palawan last June 14 to 17, 2022. The PYC 2022 is the largest event yet held by the DEPED – YFD after two (2) years of conducting activities online gathering at most 2,000 participants from 216 Schools Division Offices (SDOs) across the country. Participants of the event composes of student representatives, student-leaders, Division Federation Officers, Regional Federation Officers, National Federation Officers, and Project Development Officers. This event aims to reassess, realign, and refocus the youth-related initiatives of the department to be more responsive to the needs of the youth through series of keynote speeches, immersive sessions, and various programs. Its very purpose is to present and craft the Youth Education Agenda (YEA) spearheaded by youth legislators.

Among the six (6) official delegates coming from various secondary Supreme Student Governments along with a Project Development Officer and a Teacher-Adviser, the Camarines Sur National High School representatives were SSG officers Naomi Hannah de Lima and Francine Majella Papa.

Weeks before the conduct of the event, the delegates undergone health protocol measures abiding to stipulated requirements provided through the promulgated DepEd Memorandum. Each delegate went through RT-PCR Tests and had medical approvals before handed with travel authorities. The travel scheme of the group to Palawan was Bus from Naga City to PITX Paranaque; the group stayed roughly about 6 hours at Manila then NAIA Terminal 3 to travel to Palawan at about 7 in the evening. The group arrived at around 11 in the evening and stayed a night at TWGs Accommodation Hotel.

PYC Day 0 (June 14)

Morning the Day 0 of the event, the group proceeded to the billing station and our assigned hotel for region 5 then received all the needed kits and items inclusive for the entire duration of the 3-day event. On the afternoon, the group availed a City Tour which was part of the Hotel's accommodation then proceeded to visit various tourist spots and site around Puerto Princesa Palawan. This includes Palawan's Wildlife and Crocodile Park, Butterfly Eco Garden and Tribal Village, Baker's Hill, Mitras Ranch, Plaza Cuartel, and their Baywalk.

PYC Day 1 (June 15)

The official start of the Philippine Youth Convergence marks on June 15, past 9 in the morning official delegates arrives at the main venue which was the City Coliseum of Palawan. Upon entry, there are booths from various sponsors and local exhibits that sparks interest for the youth. There was also a photobooth which by that time was flooded by the delegates. The program commenced with the entrance of the Regional Federation President from the 17 Regions bearing their flags and colors; participants in the benches and seats waves and yell their chants as their representative is being called and acknowledge. Then followed by program preliminaries which the hosts for the day introduced themselves, hyped up the crowd, introduced the Philippine Youth Convergence, and levels expectations of the students. There were also lot of significant people from various offices of the department that were present in the first day of the PYC. Following, the regional marches was also played then the PYC theme song. Various Culture and Arts Dance Troupe then performed traditional dances for the opening salvo.



After the performances, Sir Arman Jay Dudas which is one of the head coordinators from YFD program of activities of the PYC 2022 including the introduction of the youth agenda, recognition of participants, convergence jargons, and introduction of event rules. Afterwards, the City Mayor of Palwan Hon. Lucilo Baylon gave an inspiring message for the youth and welcomed us to Palawan. This was followed by another welcome address delivered by the Regional Director for MIMAROPA, Nicolas T. Capulong then the Assistance Secretary for Youth Affairs and Special Concerns, Mr. Juan Valerio C. Respicio IV. Succeeding, a sing and dance rendition of Awit ng Kabataan performed by the SPA Students of Palawan National High School. Then this was followed by another performance showcasing tradition and culture of Palawan by the PPC Cultural Ensemble. Continuing with the program, the first keynote speech for the event was given by Ms. Princess Joyce – Trivino, World Vision Ambassador and Prodcast Host tackling #LeadingByTheMoment: Adapting to the Challenges of the Changing Times. After, a video message was given by the Undersecretary for Finance, Annalyn M. Sevilla. At this juncture, the hosts for the event formally closes the morning program for the Day 1 of the PYC. The delegates were expected to come after an hour rest for the afternoon program. Series of keynote speeches and pen discussions were done during the afternoon session, there are as follows: (keynote speech #2) #StretchingBeyondTheLimit: Motivation Learners to Go Beyond their Potentials, (panel discussion #1) #RealityCheck: Educational Challenges Affecting the Youth and Young People, (panel discussion #2) #YOU'reRight: Child Rights Matter, and (panel discussion #3): Unleashing the Power of the Filipino Youth. In between these afternoon sessions, health break was as well implemented. Snacks and food were also distributed during each session.

Concluding the afternoon activities, the hosts then announced the schedule of activities for the last program of the day which was the election of regional conveners and Mayor's Night. Each region has to elect one (1) convener to serve as their representative. As for Bicol Region, the elected convener came from Legazpi City. After the conduct of the elections, followed the Mayor's Night which occurred at 6 in the evening until 10, delegates were wearing traditional attires. Bands, dance, sing, and various performances was the content of the program for the entire night of the activity.

Day 2 (June 16)

On the second day stay, participants from each region were divided into groups. Regional federation officers were assigned on immersion activities which is to travel around the city whilst other delegates were on each assigned hotels grouped with other region conducting breakout sessions. For the immersion activity, the delegates toured to various parts of Puerto Princesa including their Museum, City Plaza, Municipal Hall, and their tourist attraction. On one of the visited places, which was their Mall, a film review activity was conducted showing the originating history of Palawan. The other member of the delegates which was assigned on breakout sessions did series of activities including 20-Minute Elevator Pitch (DepEd Core Values), 30-Minute Breakout Sessions (Part 1 and 2), and simultaneous activities which consisted of quiz bee, leadership training and values enhancement activities, commitment board, rapid advocacy talks, crafting of the youth agenda, debates on socio-political issues, photo booth, and more.

Day 3 (June 17)

On the last day of the 3-day PYC, the event started receiving delegates at 9 in the morning. Participants were welcomed by colorful dances and performances by various arts and dance students from Palawan National High School. Present still at the lobby of the main venue, City Coliseum are the local exhibits and interactive booths. The official program started at about 10 in the morning with program preliminaries, this was followed by welcome messages by Rovin James F. Canja, OIC – Chief, Youth Formation Division and Juan Valeriano Respicio IV, Undersecretary OASYASC. Afterwards, an inspirational speech was delivered by an invited guest focusing on #DreamIntoReality: Celebrating Youth Success amidst Challenges. This was then followed by a panel discussion which was the #YouthTambayanSession: Kumustahan with DepEd Event Beneficiaries. During the afternoon session of the 3rd day, the turnover of the Youth Education Agenda was administered by the regional conveners in the presence of the outgoing DepEd Secretary, Leonor Magtolis Briones. The newly designated youth convenors of the PYC also delivered their testimonials and the summary of the Youth Education Agenda. At this point, due to abrupt travel arrangements and other concerns, delegates from Bicol Region had to leave the venue early pack up the hotel prepping for the departure from Palawan.

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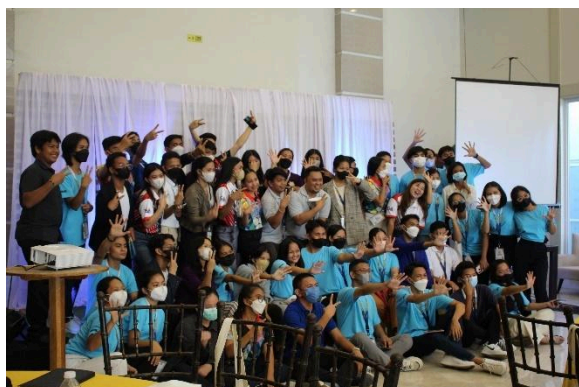
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