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**YouLead-Philippine Schools Overseas Program**

Jeddah, 21 October 2019 -The Philippine Consulate General in Jeddah is pleased to announce to all Filipino youth based in Jeddah and the Western Region of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia that the Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) and the Youth Leaders in the Diaspora Secretariat are now accepting applicants for its forthcoming YouLeaD-Philippine Schools Overseas Batch 2.

This event, which will be held on December 10-14, 2019 in Manila and Tagaytay, Philippines is an educational and enriching program where participants will be able to learn the core values of a Filipino youth leader such as deep appreciation of Filipino identity, good governance, leadership skills, sense of volunteerism, social responsibility and for them to take an active role in channeling diaspora initiatives towards development. Filipino student leaders and other interested parties, preferably Juniors and Seniors, are encouraged to join and participate in the program.

Participation in the program is FREE. All expenses will be covered by the CFO, including food, accommodation, tour fees, training materials, and insurance during the five-day YouLeaD experience. The participant, however, will have to shoulder the cost for airfare from the host country to the Philippines and vice versa.

The deadline for submission of registration via online at [www.bit.ly/YLDPSOBatch2](http://www.bit.ly/YLDPSOBatch2) is on **30 October 2019, Wednesday**.

For further question and/or clarification, you may contact the YouLeaD Secretariat at (632) 552-4729 or through the e-mail address [cfoyoulead@gmail.com](mailto:cfoyoulead@gmail.com). You may also visit the Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/YouLeaDPH](http://www.facebook.com/YouLeaDPH) and the official website at [www.youlead.cfo.gov.ph](http://www.youlead.cfo.gov.ph) where you can watch promotional videos and learn more about the previous activities.

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**COMMISSION ON FILIPINOS OVERSEAS**  
**2019 Youth Leaders in the Diaspora (YouLeaD)**  
**Philippine Schools Overseas (PSOs)**  
**Concept Paper**

- I. Program Title:** Youth Leaders in the Diaspora (YouLeaD) – Philippine Schools Overseas (PSO) 2019 Experience Batch 2
- II. Background:**

Youth Leaders in the Diaspora (YouLeaD) is a two-week cultural immersion program in the Philippines intended for Filipino youth who were born abroad or migrated at an early age, such that they are not very familiar with Philippine culture.

The YouLeaD can trace its roots to the Lakbay-Aral Program of the CFO. Lakbay-Aral is a Filipino term which means "travel study". It was developed and implemented since 1983, and enables Filipino youth overseas to rediscover their Filipino roots and appreciate the richness and diversity of their heritage. The program combines lectures on Philippine history and language and guided tours to scenic and historical landmarks. Interaction with Filipino students, public officials and members of indigenous communities and participation in local festivities are also included in the program.

The program also seeks to help participants answer long standing questions about themselves and their identities as half- or part-Filipinos that they may have had growing up. Joining the program would aid them in the journey of understanding a significant part of their identities, which would hopefully move them toward a more meaningful relationship with their Filipino families and the nation itself.

**III. Objectives:**

The activities were formulated based on four main objectives: Filipino Identity, Good Governance and Leadership, Volunteerism and Social Responsibility, and Diaspora to Development. They are defined as follows:

1) *Filipino Identity*

- To gain better understanding and appreciation of the rich tradition and cultural heritage of the Philippines

2) *Good Governance and Leadership*

- To expose the participants to best practices of the Philippines' good governance and familiarize them with laws implemented for the welfare of the Filipino community
- To conduct a leadership training for the development of an action plan supported by Filipino communities overseas that would engage young Filipino leaders in the development of the country

### 3) *Volunteerism and Social Responsibility*

- To learn about international and national agencies and organizations on their best practices to improve the lives of the Philippines' vulnerable population such as indigenous people and minority group
- To introduce and develop modes of volunteer mechanisms for Filipino youth abroad for joint development efforts in the Philippines

### 4) *Diaspora to Development*

- To actively participate in discussions and workshops of the Diaspora to Development Summit and network with possible partners / stakeholders in the various sectors.
- To include generations of overseas Filipinos in discussions on how to implement programs in the development of the country based on their various sectors and expertise.

## V. **Mechanics:**

1. Participation in the program is FREE. All expenses will be covered by the CFO, except for the airfare of the participant from the host country to the Philippines and vice versa.
2. A school may recommend student applicants to join the roster of applicants. Interested participants must accomplish the online registration form (<http://bit.ly/YLDPSOBatch2>) **on or before 30 October 2019, Wednesday**.
3. CFO will select participants based on academic ability, character, and evidence of leadership, involvement and service within the school and the community.
4. Each chosen participant will be required to accomplish deliverables during and after the program implementation (please see VIII-Outputs).

## VI. **Eligibility Requirements:**

The YouLeaD Secretariat will be choosing **ten student leaders** to participate in the said event. The qualifications are the following:

1. Student is a Filipino currently enrolled in Grade 9 – 11 for the school year 2019-2020;
2. Must be an active student leader, preferably a member of the school's student organization; and
3. Must be an accomplished student with excellent academic standing.

## VII. **Output:**

The YouLeaD-PSO 2019 aims to fulfill its objectives through the following activities that will be done by the participants before and after the end of the program implementation:

1. **YouLeaD chapters in PSOs or Association of PSO Students:** Participants, together with the facilitators, will discuss the possibility of the establishment of either YouLeaD Chapters in PSOs or the formation an association of PSO students, taking after the Association of Philippine Schools Overseas (APSO). It hopes to discover issues and challenges experienced by overseas Filipino youth

and will serve as a forum for sharing solutions and positivity. Through this, the students can also encourage and empower each other in becoming more engaged not only with the Philippines but also with their communities overseas even if they are from different countries.

2. **Action Plan for Engagement:** As student leaders in their own schools, the participants will be requested to create an action plan for engagement. This will consist of activities and initiatives aligned with the YouLeaD objectives that the participants can propose to the school administrators or implement through their student organization.
3. **Pledge of Commitment:** With the purpose of instilling the values they have learned and continuing to fulfill the objectives of YouLeaD in their host countries, the participants will create their own pledges of commitment as YouLeaD Ambassadors.
4. **Echo Seminar:** Each participant is required to conduct an echo seminar in their respective schools to share their experiences and learnings to their fellow students. It will also serve as a promotion of the YouLeaD program for prospective participants in future implementations.

# *Itinerary of Activities*

## *Youth Leaders in the Diaspora – Philippine Schools Overseas*

### *Batch 2*

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
<b>09 December 2019, Monday (Day 0)</b>	
<b>Arrival</b>	
	Arrival of Participants and Check in
<b>10 December 2019, Tuesday (Day 1)</b>	
<b>Good Governance and Leadership</b>	
08:00 am – 09:00 am	Registration
09:00 am – 10:00 am	Opening Ceremonies
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Getting to Know Activity
12:00 pm – 01:00 pm	Welcome Lunch
01:00 pm – 03:00 pm	Understanding Myself and my Identity <b>Ms. Erin Sinogba</b> <i>TCKids Philippines Local Chapter Leader</i>
03:00 pm – 05:00 pm	Youth Call-to-Action: Becoming Empowered Leaders Overseas <b>Mr. Harvey Ganotisi</b> Sangguniang Kabataan Chairperson Baranggay Santiago, Solsona, Ilocos Norte
<b>11 December 2019, Wednesday (Day 2)</b>	
<b>Filipino Identity</b>	
09:00 am – 11:30 am	Binondo Food Walk
12:00 nn – 02:00 pm	Intramuros Interactive Walk
02:00 pm – 04:30 pm	San Miguel – Malacañang Tour
<b>12 December 2019, Thursday (Day 3)</b>	
<b>Diaspora to Development</b>	
06:00 pm – 08:00 pm	Travel to Tagaytay City <b>Daila Farms</b> Purok 26, Brgy. Francisco Tagaytay City
08:00 am – 09:00 am	Introduction and Orientation
09:00 am – 05:00 am	Mud house Making
07:00 pm – 09:00 pm	Free Time

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**13 December 2019, Friday (Day 4)**  
**Social Responsibility and Volunteerism**

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08:00 am – 12:00 nn      Eco-brick Making

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01:00 am – 03:00 pm      Vertical Farming

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03:00 pm – 06:00 pm      Culminating Activity

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06:00 pm – 09:00 pm      Intercultural Community Night Bonfire (Story Telling Session)

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**14 December 2019, Saturday (Day 5)**  
**Closing Ceremony**

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08:00 am – 10:00 am      Tavel to Manila

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10:00 am – 12:00 pm      Lakbay Museo Tour

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01:00 pm – 05:00 pm      Closing Ceremony  
Speakers

***Chairperson Francisco P. Acosta***  
*Commission on Filipinos Overseas*

***Maverick Alviar and Joseph Dane Cuenca***  
*Former YouLeaD PSO participants*

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