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**BALANGAY 2024: PH'S INSIDE OUT TO BE HELD ON
9 November 2024, from 9 AM - 5 PM, at BA 301
Cesar E.A Virata School of Business UP Diliman.**

The **University of the Philippines Association of Political Science Majors (UP APSM)**, is inviting all interested **Heads of Public and Private Junior High Schools and Senior High Schools** from **DepEd-NCR** to attend **Balangay 2024: "PH's Inside Out"** on November 9, 2024 to be held at UP Diliman Campus, Cesar E.A. Virata School of Business.

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BALANGAY 2024: PH's Inside Out

Security is one of the core responsibilities of the government of the Philippines to ensure sovereignty and maintain the monopoly of the legitimate use of force within our territory. We have always been confronted with a series of issues that test the capability of our country to protect what is ours, may it be from internal or external forces. Now, both within the national and international forces are testing this limitation.

For months, millions of people have been fixated on watching the senate hearings of how the lawmakers are grilling the former mayor of Bamban Tarlac, Guo Hua Ping ("Alice Guo"), about her origin. Formal inquiry that started in May and is still ongoing. She was known for her enthusiastic personality and beaming smile in their town. She constantly posed her provincial and ordinary life that may have caught the interest and trust of the people during the campaign period and even made her win. Multiple alarming revelations unfold upon this inquiry about the truth of her identity and citizenship, alleged ties with China and criminal syndicates, enabling illegal gambling and organized crimes by Philippine Offshore Gaming Operators (POGO), and most recently being a fugitive in Indonesia. Her case highlighted the potential flaws of the Philippines's Electoral system, as she was elected in a position for public office even with her questionable background. Whether the government knowingly approved her candidacy and actions without this knowledge or certain political actors in position are backing up her saga. But as we all know, this high-profile case boils down to the question of how protected our national security is and the seemingly internal rot of our system.

Program Flow

Time	Activity
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Ingress and Registration
10:00 AM - 10: 05 AM	Opening Remarks
10: 05 AM - 10:15 AM	Intro
10:15 AM - 10:45 AM	Speaker 1: National Security Implications of Guo Hua Ping's Case
10:45 AM - 11:15 AM	Speaker 2: Sovereignty at Stake in the West Philippine Sea Dispute
11:15 - 11:45 AM	Speaker 3: Mangingisda Naman, Atin ang West Philippine Sea
11:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Awarding of Certificates for the Speakers + Introduction of Judges
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	LUNCH BREAK
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Competitions Proper
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Judges Deliberation and Intermission
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Awarding Ceremony and Culmination
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Sign Outs and Egress



Subtopics for the Lectures:

1. National Security Implications of Guo Hua Ping's Case

- With the ongoing investigation of Guo Hua Ping's case, we seek to analyze the implications of the questionable involvement of the Philippine Electoral System in her political saga. How does it pose a threat to the national security of our country and our political processes? What does it reveal about the state of our internal electoral system?

2. Sovereignty at Stake in the West Philippine Sea Dispute

- The escalating tensions and confrontations of China and the Philippine Coast Guard, as well as the fishermen, are alarming. We seek to compare and contrast the current and past administration's approach to asserting our territorial rights. How did the 'gentleman's agreement' or the non-binding agreement between former President Duterte affect our stance on approaching the dispute today? How can we manage the tensions in the West Philippine Sea?

3. Mangingisda Naman, Atin ang West Philippine Sea

- The attacks of the Chinese Coast Guard hinders the primary livelihood of our Filipino fishermen. What are their real life experiences in asserting their right to fish in our own territory? How would they compare the assertion of our territorial rights between the Duterte and Marcos' administration? What are your calls for support to our government in relation to this issue?