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In response to the communication received from the Kalinga Mind Warriors Chess Club Association Inc., this advisory is issued for the information of Public School District Supervisors, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads, and all other concerned.

INVITATION TO THE FIRST FIDE-RATED RAPID CHESS TOURNAMENT IN TABUK CITY

The Kalinga Mind Warriors Chess Club Association Inc. invites chess enthusiasts, particularly learners from elementary and secondary schools, as well as aspiring young chess players, to participate in the First FIDE-Rated Rapid Chess Tournament in Tabuk City on November 29, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., to be held at the 3rd Floor, Kalinga Children's Ward Conference Hall.

The tournament aims to provide participants with an opportunity to showcase and enhance their chess-playing abilities, gain valuable competitive experience, interact with fellow chess enthusiasts, and take their first steps toward obtaining an international FIDE rating. Moreover, the activity seeks to promote chess as a developmental tool for strengthening learners' critical thinking, logical reasoning, problem-solving, concentration, decision-making, patience, discipline, confidence, resilience, and sportsmanship.

The tournament will adopt a nine-round Swiss system with a time control of 10 minutes plus a 5-second increment per move. It is open to players of all ages and skill levels, including beginners, students, and experienced chess players.

Interested participants may register by paying the registration fee of Three Hundred Fifty Pesos (₱350.00) through GCash to 0915-528-9380, under the account name Maria Deborah B. Upon payment, participants must send the player's full name, age, birthday, and gender to the same mobile number to complete the registration process.

The registration fee shall help defray the expenses necessary for the conduct of the tournament, including the fees of technical personnel, the required national federation sanction fee, and the provision of cash prizes, medals, and certificates for winners and special awardees.

In this regard, schools are encouraged to disseminate this information to interested learners, teachers, chess coaches, and parents, and to encourage their participation in this sporting event. School heads, teachers, and coaches, together with parents, are likewise enjoined to support initiatives that promote chess as a means of developing learners' intellectual abilities, character, and values while fostering youth empowerment and sportsmanship.

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Participation in the tournament shall be voluntary. Expenses relative to participation, including registration fees, shall be borne by the participants and/or charged against available local funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Attached is a copy of the official communication from the organizer for reference and guidance.

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Christopher Benigno, PhD, EdD, CESO VI
Officer-in-Charge Schools Division Superintendent (OIC-SDS)
Department of Education, Tabuk City

Subject: Invitation for all Schools in the Elementary and Secondary to join the First FIDE Rated Rapid Chess Tournament in Tabuk City

Dear Sir:

Warm greetings!

The Kalinga Mind Warriors Chess Club Association Inc. is pleased to invite all chess enthusiasts, especially students and young aspiring chess players from the different schools to participate in the **First FIDE Rated Rapid Chess Tournament** in the Province on November 29, 2026, at 9:00 AM, at the 3rd Floor, Kalinga Children's Ward Conference Hall. This tournament is an excellent opportunity for students to showcase their chess skills, gain valuable competitive experience, meet fellow chess players, and take their first steps toward earning an international FIDE rating. We encourage schools, teachers, chess coaches, and parents to support and motivate their students to participate in this meaningful sporting event.

Why should students participate in chess tournaments?

1.Chess is more than just a game. It is a powerful educational tool that helps develop essential skills for academic success and personal growth, including: Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving

2. Chess trains students to analyze situations, evaluate choices, and find effective solutions. Concentration and Focus – Students learn to pay attention, think carefully, and remain focused on their goals. Decision-Making Skills

3. Players develop the ability to make thoughtful decisions and understand the consequences of their actions. Patience and Discipline

4. Chess teaches students to control their emotions, follow rules, and think before acting. Confidence and Resilience

5.Winning builds confidence, while losing teaches humility, perseverance, and the importance of learning from mistakes. Academic and Intellectual Development

6. Regular chess practice can support the development of logical reasoning, planning, memory, and analytical thinking. Sportsmanship and Friendship.

7. Students learn respect, fair play, teamwork, and how to build friendships with fellow players. Competitive Experience and Recognition

8. Participation provides an opportunity to test their abilities, improve their skills, and begin their journey toward a FIDE rating.

The tournament will use a 10-minute time control with a 5-second increment and a 9-round Swiss format. It is open to players of all ages, making it a wonderful opportunity for students, beginners, and experienced players to challenge themselves and grow.

Tournament Details:

Event: Kalinga Mind Warriors Chess Club First FIDE Rated Rapid Chess Tournament
Date: November 29, 2026 Time: 9:00 AM
Venue: 3rd Floor, Kalinga Children's Ward Conference Hall Time Control: 10 minutes + 5 seconds increment
Format: 9-round Swiss Category: Open to all ages
Registration Fee: ₱350
Organizer: Kalinga Mind Warriors Chess Club Association Inc.

Registration: Interested participants may register through GCash at 0915-528-9380, under the name Maria Deborah B.

Please send the player's name, age, birthday, and gender on the mentioned CP number after payment for registration purposes.

We sincerely encourage school administrators, teachers, coaches, and parents to support their students by allowing and motivating them to join this tournament. Your encouragement can help develop not only stronger chess players but also disciplined, responsible, confident, and strategic thinkers. Let us work together to promote chess as a tool for education, character development, and youth empowerment in our community

We look forward to welcoming you and your students to this exciting chess event. Let us make this tournament a meaningful step toward a brighter future for chess in Kalinga.

Thank you for your continued support of chess development and youth excellence.

Respectfully yours,

MARIA DEBORAH G. BULAWIT /0915-528-9380
Kalinga Mind Warriors Chess Club Association Inc.
President/Tournament Organizer