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The 1st AUAP - UMY Student Academic Olympiad (SAO) 2022



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Participated by more than 170 college students from different schools across Asia, the 1st Association of Universities of Asia and the Pacific (AUAP) Student Academic Olympiad was a great avenue for students to showcase their knowledge and abilities, as well as to meet equally gifted students coming from different disciplines. Co-hosted by the Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta (UMY), Indonesia, the event was virtually held last March 29 and 30, 2022 via Zoom. The program emphasized Universal Coverage, Health Promotion, and Patient Safety, which are eminently relevant topics especially amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

I was one of the students representing my school, San Pedro College, Philippines, and the only Pharmacy student sent by our institution. Meeting seasoned students eagerly representing their respective schools, as well as accomplished healthcare professionals from UMY, Daegu Health College, Korea and Centro Escolar University, Philippines, was nerve-racking and intimidating for me at first. Nevertheless, I am exceedingly grateful for having participated in such a prestigious event, and I can confidently say that my fellow contenders feel the same.

The AUAP Olympiad was the first of its kind, and it is a great honor to be one of the finalists. As part of the pioneering batch of delegates, I highly encourage my fellow students to strive in becoming internationally competent individuals and to continue sharpening their axes in preparation for many more AUAP events to come.