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Purpose : To attend the **2019 Pista ng Mapa Conference**

Date : August 1-3, 2019

Place/Venue : Foundation University, Dumaguete City

ALLOWED/CHARGED TO: (School MOOE, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations)

\_\_\_\_\_ : Registration

\_\_\_\_\_ : Transportation

✓ \_\_\_\_\_ : Board and Lodging

✓ \_\_\_\_\_ : Meals

✓ \_\_\_\_\_ : Transportation & other incidental expenses

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**2019 Pista ng Mapa Conference, Dumaguete, Philippines**

Dear Dr. Bongalos:

Mabuhay!

The inaugural Pista ng Mapa (Festival of Maps) is taking place on August 1-3, 2019 in Dumaguete, Philippines. The free-of-charge event is a celebration of the success of open data and maps in the country, especially in the fields of community development, transport, and humanitarian action. Additional details about the event are in our prospectus, Appendix A.


In this regard, we are hoping that DepEd in Negros Oriental can participate by sending up to five (5) **Senior High School DRR Instructors** to attend the conference, as they play a critical role in the utilization of open geodata and open mapping initiatives related to Disaster Risk Reduction programs of the department.

Your five representatives may register directly using this URL <https://ti.to/pistangmapa/2019/with/ymfjf-n4yy> and is only valid until 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 2019.

This URL is unique to your department, and should not be shared with others.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please don't hesitate to contact us, if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

  
**Erwin Olario**  
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August 1-3, 2019  
Dumaguete City  
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# Pista ng Mapa - Prospectus

Pista ng Mapa (Filipino for Festival of Maps) is an outreach activity envisioned to become a regular (annual or bi-annual) event to generate public interest, awareness, and promote the use of open (geo) data and free software, gather enthusiasts and users (community, government, academe, corporate, etc.) in the public and private sector, and grow local communities outside Metro Manila.

## Rationale

Metro Manila has been hosting numerous geo/mappy-related events but the rest of the Philippines has never had any significant conferences in the last several years, except for workshops intended for smaller communities through project-based initiatives of various organizations.

Through various presentations, workshops, and hands-on activities attendees of the conference can understand how the local open mapping communities work together for the common good, while acquiring new technical digital skills and techniques, and getting acquainted with national and regional contacts to help expand their reach and networks.

Open Data is a global movement to make the information and representations of our world much more shared and accessible. Often the focus is on the release of data held by government for use by all citizens. OpenStreetMap take it further by allowing anyone to contribute to Open Data.

The data created from these activities are not limited for use in disaster preparedness and response, but also for other efforts: humanitarian aid, community development missions, conservation, cultural projects, academic research, local development, and many other purposes - this is possible by the free and open license that governs the data created on OpenStreetMap.

## Expected Results

For our participants and local partners, we hope that through this event, they can reaffirm themselves as a champion and community pillar for bringing open (geo)data and free software to the local community of enthusiasts, users, and field practitioners. That through our collaboration, it could lead to more novel applications, and wider understanding of how spatial data is relevant to other academic fields of study, outside the domain of "maps" and "technology".

We strive to spark the interest of new users and attract other enthusiasts, to help nascent local communities grow, where skills and local expertise can be developed or further enhanced

## Organizers

Currently, our committed working group of volunteers are coordinating within our network of communities and contacts, preparing workshop programs. Our volunteers are from the following communities/sectors:

- Community - FOSS4G, OpenStreetMap, OsGeo
- Humanitarian Aid - Red Cross
- Government - National and local government agencies

Many of our core volunteers has led, organized, or volunteered for various conferences in Metro Manila in the recent past. The largest conference so far, was the annual regional conference State of the Map Asia in 2016, hosted by the local OpenStreetMap community that drew in 186 participants and representatives from 21 countries, 15 of which are from Asia. Pista ng Mapa, in fact, is inspired by the said conference, and had been in the minds of the organizers since then, but localized for the specific needs of prospective participants.

Also, some of the members of part of the core group of leader-organizers of the annual FOSS4G-PH events in UP Diliman, Quezon City.

Some of us are regular organizers and/or facilitators of monthly local mapping workshops and events in various parts of the country, but often in Metro Manila.

## Venue

The Foundation University of Dumaguete, a progressive local university known for their strong advocacy for community action, their prowess for integrating information technology in their curriculum program, and modern facilities are hosting the 2019 conference.

We are expecting 80-120 participants for the event and our are provisioning for:

- **Computer Laboratory rooms** for technical workshops
- **Auditorium** for plenary presentations and sessions
- **Break-out room/spaces** for small, informal discussion groups
- **Volunteers** as ushers and technical assistants

For questions or queries, contact the ad hoc organizing committee thru:

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