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THE FINANCIAL Executives Institute of the Philippines (FINEX), in partnership with JPMorgan Chase & Co., staged the 15th Inter-Collegiate Finance Competition (ICFC) elimination round last Sept. 20.

This year, the ICFC eliminations were held nationwide in five major venues, namely: Bonifacio Global City hub of JPMorgan Chase hub for Metro Manila and Southern Luzon; University of the Cordilleras in Baguio City for Northern Luzon; Angeles University Foundation in Angeles City for Central Luzon; University of San Carlos in Cebu City for Eastern and Central Visayas; University of St. La Salle in Bacolod City for Western Visayas; and Ateneo de Davao University in Davao City for Mindanao. A total of 86 tertiary institutions participated in the 2013 edition of ICFC.

As a result of the highly competitive elimination round, the top 20 schools that have advanced to the ICFC finals are: University of the Philippines-Diliman, Ateneo de Manila University, University of Santo Tomas, University of the Visayas, University of San Jose Recoletos, De La Salle University-Manila, De La Salle University-Dasmarinas, University of Cebu-Lapu Lapu/Mandaue, University of San Carlos, Colegio de San Juan de Letran, Lyceum of the Philippines-Cavite, University of Baguio, Cagayan de Oro College-Phinma Education Network, Holy Name University, Central Luzon State University, Saint Mary's University-Bayombong, Far Eastern University-Manila, Kingfisher School of Business and Finance, Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology, and University of the Philippines-Iloilo.

The ICFC final round will be held on Oct. 21 at the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas auditorium where the 20 Philippine finalists will be joined by three top-ranking Asian schools, namely: Chulalongkorn University of Thailand, Assumption University of Thailand, and **Singapore Management University**.

This prestigious finance competition is being staged by FINEX in partnership with JPMorgan Chase & Co., Asian Institute of Management, CFA Society of the Philippines, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Isla Lipana & Co. (Philippine member-firm of PricewaterhouseCoopers network), and Educalc.net (master distributor of HP calculators in southeast Asia).

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