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RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING E-SPORTS
(ELECTRONIC SPORTS) ATHLETES FROM ECHO AND
BLACKLIST INTERNATIONAL FOR FINISHING AS CHAMPIONS
AND RUNNERS-UP, RESPECTIVELY, IN THE MOBILE LEGENDS
M4 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP HELD IN JAKARTA, INDONESIA
FROM 01 TO 15 JANUARY 2023.

WHEREAS, Filipino e-sports team ECHO was crowned as Mobile Legends world champions after sweeping fellow Filipinos Blacklist International, 4-0, in the best-of-seven grand finals of the M4 World Championship held in Jakarta, Indonesia from 01 to 15 January 2023;

WHEREAS, the 2022 Mobile Legends: Bang Bang World Championships, commonly referred to as the M4 World Championships and M4, is considered the biggest and the most prestigious Mobile Legends tournament in the world, with competing teams from the Philippines, Indonesia Malaysia, Singapore, Latin America, Brazil, Middle East & North Africa, Turkey, Myanmar, and North America;

WHEREAS, ECHO is the third Filipino team to claim the world championship title in consecutive years, joining Blacklist International in 2022 and Bren Esports in 2021;

WHEREAS, ECHO's team included players Sanford "Sanford" Vinuya, Karl "KarlTzy" Nepomuceno, Alston "Sanji" Pabico, Benedict "Bennyqt" Gonzales, and Tristan "YAWI" Cabrera, and coach Harold "Tictac" Reyes;

WHEREAS, Blacklist International was represented in the M4 by Edward "EDWARD" Dapdap, Danerie "Wise" Rosario, Salic "Hadji" Imam, Kiel "OHEB" Soriano, Jonmar "OhMyV33NUS" Villaluna, and coach Kristoffer Ed "BON CHAN" Ricaplaza;

WHEREAS, ECHO's victory punctuates the Philippines' continued dominance over the MLBB esports scene and other e-sports competitions, especially in Southeast Asia;


WHEREAS, e-sports is a fast-growing industry in the Philippines and worldwide and has been gaining wide popularity over the past years, with a number of Filipinos distinguishing themselves in international e-sports competitions;

WHEREAS, the 30th Southeast Asian Games in 2019 hosted by the Philippines was the first major sporting event to include e-sports as a medal sport;

WHEREAS, e-sports athletes and coaches from ECHO and Blacklist International are role models to the Filipino youth, whom they have inspired with their spirit, determination, and drive;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to congratulate and commend e-sports (electronic sports) athletes from ECHO and Blacklist International for finishing as champions and runners-up, respectively, in the Mobile Legends M4 World Championship held in Jakarta, Indonesia from 01 to 15 January 2023.

Adopted,


ALAN PETER "COMPAÑERO" S. CAYETANO 