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"PASCH Youth Courses in Germany - Learning German in an International Learning Community"

Six PASCH scholars from our PASCH-partner schools in the Philippines were chosen to be part of this year's three-week <u>PASCH-Jugendkurse</u> in St. Peter-Ording, Germany from May 06 to May 25, 2019 where they learned German intensively with other young German learners from all over the world.



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PASCH scholars from the Philippines together with other PASCH Scholars from around the world

Among the scholars were Merry Chris Cerbito and Hymn Gabriel Bustos from Liceo de Cagayan University, James Paolo Clanor and Mariana Ochoa de Zabalegui de Apraiz from the German European School Manila, and Marc Jandrei Pelias and Zyra Kei Elcano from New Era High School. They were accompanied by their teacher, Ms. June Merriam Pelino, from Lice de Cagayan University, who will be attending a German course in Hamburg while the scholars are in camp.

As part of the initiative "Schools: Partners for the Future", Goethe-Institut has been organizing international PASCH youth courses for pupils from PASCH schools all over the world since 2008. During the three-week youth courses, the scholars gain a unique experience of learning German in an international learning community.



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In addition to the regular language classes, the scholars learn twice a week in the afternoon in project classes in thematically arranged groups. The project classes offer them the opportunity to apply their language skills in new contexts and to actively shape their experiences with Germany and the German language by becoming creative themselves.

ABOUT THE GOETHE-INSTITUT PHILIPPINEN

The Goethe-Institut is the Federal Republic of Germany's cultural institute, promoting the study of the German language abroad, and encouraging international cultural exchange.

ABOUT PASCH

PASCH stands for the "Schools: Partners for the Future" initiative. It is a global network of some 1,800 schools that place a high value on German.

PASCH is an initiative of the Federal Foreign Office in cooperation with the Central Agency for Schools Abroad (ZfA), the Goethe-Institut (GI), the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the Educational Exchange Service of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Länder in the Federal Republic of Germany (PAD).

The PASCH network of German schools abroad and schools within the national education systems aims to strengthen and extend the German Language Certificate and/or qualified teaching in German as a Foreign Language. They aim to develop vivid and long-lasting links with Germany and inspire schools, teachers and pupils to enjoy an open exchange of views and engage in cooperation. For this reason the initiative supports these schools with a broad range of services.

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