

#PilipiNAST Kapehan

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“Fiesta Pinoy: Celebrating Philippine Festivities Through the Lens of Science”

QUESTIONS:

- What inspired you to pursue your current career or area of expertise?
- How did you get started in your current career, and what led you to your current position?
- How do you stay motivated and maintain a work-life balance in your career?
- How do you define success for yourself?
- What is the best career advice you have ever received?
- What advice would you give someone starting in your field?
- From an expert's perspective, how would you define the concepts of culture and festivities? **JTM**
- From an expert's perspective, how would you relate the concept of culture/Philippine Festivals with Mathematics? **JFR**
- How have these Filipino Festivals shaped the identities of Filipinos nowadays? **JTM/JFR**
- Can you share some quantitative truths that can be associated with Filipino cultures and traditions? **JFR**
- Celebration of different fiestas across the country originates from different cultures, perspectives, and beliefs, but do they have a common origin considering that most of these fiestas are interrelated culturally? **JTM**
- Are there any mathematical framework/s for analyzing various social phenomena like the traditional celebrations we have in the Philippines? **JFR**
- As an expert in the Philippine Culture, what are those things that Filipinos have to always put in their minds to make those cultures still relevant up to this date? **JTM**
- As we always say, Filipino Fiestas are highly based on our local traditions, cultures, and history, however, due to persistent development and innovative

ideas of the Filipinos, they are trying to put a twist or additional ingredients to make it adaptable to present generations. Do you think this is a good indication considering the possible alterations to some of our traditional beliefs? **JTM**

- We are very much aware that culture and science co-exist, thus, how does culture will carry science in this constantly changing society and vice versa?
JTM/JFR

Fun Questions:

- If you could have any job in the world, what would it be?
- If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?
- If you could instantly become an expert in any field, what would it be?
- If you could switch lives with any fictional character for a day, who would it be and why?
- What's the weirdest question you've ever been asked in an interview?