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24TH WORD CUP PHILIPPINES CAMPUS JOURNALISM CONTEST

The Word Cup Philippines will conduct the 24th Word Cup Philippines Campus Journalism Contest for students and educators at Ating Tahanan, Baguio City on April 4-6, 2025.

Interested educators and students are invited to participate in the activity.

Attached is the invitation letter with the details of the event for reference.

Participation in this activity is purely voluntary, subject to the no-disruption-of-classes policy stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 titled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-On-Task and Ensuring Compliance therewith.

For information.

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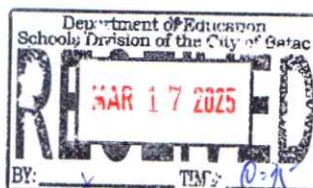


14 March 2025

ANSELMO R. ALUDINOSchools Division Superintendent
Batac City

Dear Superintendent Aludino:

Greetings!



We are thrilled to invite you in the **24th Word Cup Philippines** Campus Journalism Contest, April 4-6, 2025 at Ating Tahanan, Baguio City a premier event designed to enhance campus journalism through practitioner-led contests and workshops. This is a unique opportunity for students and teachers to learn directly from industry professionals, gaining valuable insights and hands-on experience.

A special highlight this year is the chance to meet the **Philippine National Boxing Team** and interview **Nesthy Petecio, Tokyo Olympic silver medalist and Paris Olympic bronze medalist**, making history as the Philippines' first boxing back-to-back Olympian. Our workshops prioritize learning by doing, engaging participants in real coverage to deepen their understanding of industry practices.

To ensure that teachers and students can take advantage of this exceptional learning opportunity, we respectfully request your support in **cascading this information** to the field and, if possible, issuing a memorandum to encourage participation. Schools may explore funding options through their **MOOE or SEF or In-Service Training funds**, as permitted under **Section 17 of the special provisions for the DepEd budget**, which supports various learning and development initiatives.

By widely disseminating this event, you can help provide educators and students access to the only authentic journalism training workshop in the Philippines and Asia. To recognize excellence, national-level contests will focus on individual assessments, and institutions, academic leaders, and school paper advisers will be honored through the Word Cup Ambassadors Award for their dedication to campus journalism.

We invite your students and teachers to register through the link below: <https://bit.ly/24thWordCupPH> For further inquiries, please contact us at wordcup.philippines@gmail.com or via mobile at 09541902247. You can also learn more about us through our Facebook page: Word Cup Associated Editors Co.

We look forward to welcoming your team to this exciting event!

Sincerely yours,


EUGENIO SONNY O. CALAPIT, Ed.D., EnP

24th Word Cup Philippines Campus Journalism Contest		
INDICATIVE Matrix of Activities*		
5 April 2025 (Saturday)		
7:00-8:00 AM	Distribution of IDs & kits	
8:00-9:30 AM	Opening Program & Press Briefing	
9:30 AM	AM Snacks	
9:30-10:30 AM	News Writing (NW) <i>Pagsulat ng Balita</i>	Photojournalism (PJ) <i>Pagkuha ng Larawan</i> Mobile Journalism (MJ) (add-on)
10:30-12:00 NN	Coverage	
12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00-2:00 PM	WORKSHOP NW	WORKSHOP PJ (MJ)
2:00 PM	OUTPUT submission NW and PJ	
2:00-4:00 PM	Feature Writing (FW) <i>Pagsulat ng Lathalaing</i>	Sports Writing (SW) <i>Pagsulat ng Balitang Isports</i>
4:00 PM	PM Snacks	
4:00-5:00 PM	Workshop SW and FW	
5:00 PM	OUTPUT submission SW and FW	
6 April 2025 (Sunday)		
8:00-10:00 AM	Copyreading & Headline Writing (CHW) <i>Pag-uula at Pagwawasto ng Balita</i>	Science Writing (Pagsulat ng Agham at Teknolohiya)
10:00 AM	Snacks/ OUTPUT submission	
11:00-12 NN	Lunch	
1:00-3:00 PM	Awarding Ceremony <i>Word Cup Ambassador Award (School Paper Advisers)</i> <i>Word Cup Institutional Ambassador Award</i> <i>Recognition of Exemplary Work</i>	

* subject to change

DETAILS OF REGISTRATION

The objectives of the press coverage and national contest are to:

1. Enhance the writing, broadcasting and photography skills of teachers and students;
2. Develop skills in mobile journalism;
3. Provide insightful feedback on outputs;
4. Recognize and award exemplary work, and;
5. Publish quality outputs in national media.

Contests are optional and open to elementary, junior and senior high school, tertiary students and school paper advisers, language and communications arts teachers, department heads, school heads and public information officials.

Participants of Mobile Journalism are encouraged to bring their video cameras and/or laptops installed with video editing applications. Participants of Photojournalism are encouraged to bring cameras or cellphones.

WORD CUP AMBASSADORS AWARD

All Institutional Ambassador Awardee aspirants need to submit a one-page briefer on the programs/accomplishments of the school in campus journalism for the last three years. If they were a previous Word Cup participant, a testimonial (one-minute video-message) on how the workshops have helped individuals or schools may also be submitted in addition to programs/accomplishments.

In addition, to be an Institutional Bronze Ambassador Awardee, a minimum of 10 participants are expected to attend, 15 for Institutional Silver Awardees and 20 for Institutional Gold Awardees.

ACCOMMODATION AND LOGISTICS

Rooms are **non-exclusive** (male and female may/may not combine in a room). Rooms can accommodate 4-10 persons, and up to 20 persons in the dormitories, first come, first serve basis.

Check in is at 2:00 PM (April 5); Check out is at 12:00 NN (April 6).

Transportation expenses for activities outside the venue **are not included and shall be paid separately** should there be any media coverage outside the venue.

Participation fee per person is shown on the next page.

T-SHIRT CUTOFF DATE

The cutoff date for ordering t-shirts for Word Cup Baguio is 24 March 2025. This would give us ample time for production.

Participation Fee per person	
24th Word Cup Baguio April 4-6, 2025	
Regular - ₱7,000 <i>Payment made from 16 February to March 29, 2025</i> <i>Inclusive of overnight stay on 5 April 2025</i>	P7,000
Additional night stay <i>No meals included</i> ₱500 per night (dormitory); P800 (quadruple sharing)	P500 or P800 per head
Meals Day 1 April 4: Arrival, meals not included Day 2 April 5: AM and PM snacks, lunch, and dinner Day 3 April 6: Breakfast, AM snacks, and lunch	
While no Word Cup event has ever been re-scheduled or cancelled, in case of force majeure and government pronouncement, forfeiture or price adjustment of fees shall take effect. For own cancellation, automatic forfeiture applies, subject to appeal.	
Participation fees may be deposited to: BDO Account Number 012330 081983 Account Name: Word Cup Associated Editors Co.	

Published article for 22nd Word Cup Philippines in Subic

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Students to hone journalism skills in Subic

OVER 150 campus journalism aficionados are set to sharpen their pens in Subic, Zambales, over the weekend to roll out and re-echo the learnings they would receive in a masterclass session with industry practitioners.

For its 22nd Word Cup National Journalism Contest and 7th Masterclasses on Aug. 23 to 25, 2024, the organizers have arranged a press conference and on-site exchange visit where participants can gather information, grow creative and shoot photos to prepare their stories and other outputs.

In preparation for the event, Word Cup organizers visited the Ateneo at the Pampalokan Nature Trail in Subic for a pre-activity documentation.

Menem, a 45-year-old Ateneo Ateneo who works in the nature trail, showcased his skills as a survival training by showing how to start a fire using bamboo sticks in just under two minutes.

For the on-site documentation, Menem and his group had the opportunity to each themselves PMS for audience.

"We need to work for the [De-

partment off] function. Now, we are teaching visitors how to start a fire," he said in Filipino.

Menem is among the few Ateneo Ateneo who speak fluent Tagalog and can also engage foreign tourists with conversational English.

"I have also gone to school," he said, highlighting that while a documentation of many cultural practices done by them learned in school. "We also got inspired by listening from a [Catholic] priest," he added with a smile.

Going by the Christian name Villanar Almagar, he has been doing this work for nearly two decades.

"We're happy to have visitors here at Pampalokan, especially since very few had been coming over the last week," he said in Filipino.

His exclusive documentation to the Word Cup team enhanced

what he and his group will be doing on Saturday, August 24, with participants from all Department of Education (DepEd) and Commission on Higher Education (CHED) regions, including several LGU public information officers.

A competition has also been added to the national Masterclasses to spice up the outputs, which centers on better presentation, promoting cultural understanding and peace.

The planning and evaluation sessions shall be held Saturday and Sunday at Subic Bay Convention Hotel.



Delegates from various schools around the country gather once again for the 22nd Word Cup National Journalism Contest and 7th Masterclasses in Subic, Zambales, from Aug. 23 to 25, 2024. (CONTINUED PHOTO)

Calagait was a former staffer and spokesman for the former United Press International, Manila Bureau, and was managing editor for news for an 111 station that pioneered the 24-hour broadcast format during his prime.

The workshop will also feature an actual press conference with UP Master Teacher Institute director and professor Laura David, the co-

ordinator of PMS-1, a technology to enhance education, population density and tourism, and Resilience, Survival and Thrive, a table-top board game promoting sustainable development of our country.

David uses remote sensing and modeling to explore how ocean physics influences the distribution and state of ocean flora and fauna. Her expertise is being tapped se-

quentially to assist in matters related to climate change vulnerability and adaptation.

At a time when other state actors are destroying the country's institutional machine, her insight will help equip students and students with the proper knowledge on the matter.

The other press conference shall highlight peace education. TMT



The British Council gathers its International English Language Testing System partners to celebrate the previous year's achievements on Aug. 2, 2024. (CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

British Council pays nod to IELTS partners

THE British Council (BC) held its highly anticipated Annual Exam Partners Gathering to celebrate its partners' invaluable contribution and achievements the previous year, which it said was a "groundbreaking success."

This year's event on August 2 was themed in the spirit of the 90th to commemorate the British Council's 90th anniversary, marking a significant milestone at the BC, for the first time, celebrated its milestone between IELTS partners, including those for IELTS and other key stakeholders.

Agila is an innovative assessment tool that helps accurately test English language skills — reading, writing, listening and speaking. Developed by BC, experts in language testing, Agila is underpinned by the latest research in assessment.

IELTS stands for International English Language Testing System, an international standardized English language proficiency test for non-native English speakers. It is a popular English language proficiency test for higher education and global migration, with

millions of test takers last year. BC said more than 11,000 organizations used and accept IELTS as a secure, valid and reliable indicator of test-taker ability to communicate in English for education, immigration and professional advancement.

Test takers are measured on listening, reading, writing, and speaking. All tests are scored on a banding system from 1 (the lowest) to 9 (the highest band).

During the gathering, Ombra Tolosa, BC Senior Client Manager for Exam Southeast Asia 2, led the IELTS Masterclass and Presentation Workshop for Partners, which provided insightful strategies and innovative marketing techniques for promoting IELTS, employing target audiences and understanding the brand guidelines.

Part of the event was the "Partner Get To Know" where partners showcased their unique, creative and performing skills, making the evening memorable.

The culminating ceremony highlighted the event, where IELTS partners were recognized for their

exceptional achievements over the past year.

According to the British Council, its partners have played a crucial role in creating global opportunities for many Filipinos through the IELTS.

With 20 IELTS on the computer and 27 IELTS on paper test locations across the Philippines, BC said it continues to make IELTS more accessible to Filipinos, with plans to open more test centers this year.

During the event, the 2024 National Partner of the Year was the 9-8 Naver IELTS Review and Tutoring Center, while the 2024 Partner of the Year was the BC Migration Visa Processing Services Center for Primary International Language Students Inc., Ceres Language Center, De Leon Beltran & Co World English Inc., ELW English Language Academy, MLD Station Review Center, New International Academy Inc., Review Learning Hub and Vortex Learning Hub.

"Our partners are the cornerstone of our success. Their dedication and hard work have enabled

us to achieve remarkable milestones and continue to expand our reach. Together, we have opened doors to countless global opportunities for Filipinos. Our collective efforts are what drive us forward, together."

Southeast Asia 2 Regional Exam Manager Samantha Smith said.

"As we look to the future, we are excited about our plans for 2024. We are committed to strengthening our presence in the Philippines and continuing to provide unparalleled support to our partners. Together, we will build on our success and explore new horizons through English language assessments."

Exam Business Development Manager Mike Calagait said. BC is the UK's international organization for cultural relations and educational opportunities and is accessible at www.britishcouncil.org.

For more information, visit www.britishcouncil.org or IELTS British Council Philippines on Facebook and Instagram.

LEANDER C. DOMINGO

MMDC, Concentrix prop up working students

MAPUA Malayan Digital College (MMDC), the digital-first, fully online college in the Philippines, together with Concentrix, a global provider of customer experience solutions and technology, are collaborating for an exciting work and study program that aims to address the Filipino labor market's problem of unemployment, improve quality of education and work-life balance post-graduation for working students, and produce more skilled professionals.

According to a report by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) released in February 2024, there are 1.6 million unemployed Filipinos as of December 2021.

The talent shortage and high unemployment rates in the country are due to several factors, such as a poor educational system, lack of decent job opportunities, and lack of relevant skills.

However, the Information Technology and Business Process Management or IT-BPM Association of the Philippines states that by 2028, the tech industry hopes to create 1.5 million new jobs in the country. So far, the association is on track to hit its goal of creating more jobs in the past four years.

With these new opportunities in the

labor market, the Philippines needs to give the talent pool of qualified professionals, and MMDC and Concentrix said they would do just that.

"Working students in the country have been underserved for years. The focus has been on basic education and traditional college models that we believe don't serve the needs of our working students. We need more people in the workforce and the way to produce that, to contribute to the economy and the country's growth, is to produce more professionals,"

Concentrix Vice President for People Solutions Ricard Bana said.

MMDC and Concentrix will work together to provide part-time jobs and part-time college education programs to Filipino students to continue to be a highly skilled workforce work and study program.

The program caters to those interested in upskilling and developing soft and hard skills to support their growth and become more qualified professionals.

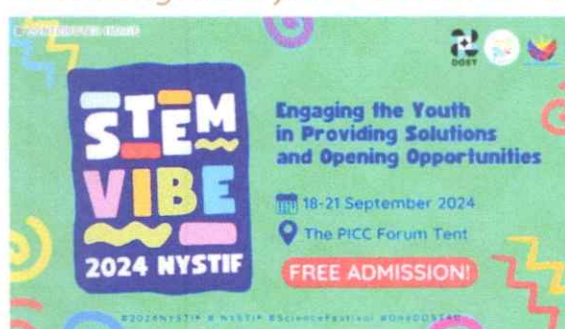
"It is designed to ensure that our graduate students will be able to work and earn enough income to be able to go back to school and complete their degrees."

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Mapua Malayan Digital College students. (CONTRIBUTED PHOTO)

DoST brings back youth science fest to promote STEM careers



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THE National Youth Science, Technology, and Innovation Festival (NYSTIF), organized by the Department of Science and Technology (DoST), will return for its second edition on Sept. 18 to 21, 2024, at the Philippine International Convention Center Forum Tent in Pasay City.

DoST said the festival would allow the youth to experience science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) as a vibrant, innovative, brilliant and engaging (VIBE) way, and inspire them to pursue careers in these fields.

With the theme "STEM VIBE: Engaging the Youth in Providing Solutions and Opening Opportunities," this science festival aims to enhance youth appreciation and awareness of science, technology, and innovation. DoST said in a media release.

"We're carrying all our youth to join us in this celebration. It will be a fun, exciting, and engaging festival of

science, science and technology (DoST) exhibit, projects, competitions, and all other activities where the youth can participate," said DoST Undersecretary for Scientific and Technical Services Marlene Salagang in an interview with the DoST Science and Technology Information Institute.

That year's activities will cover various STEM topics, including blockchain technology, science communication, nanotechnology, science education, data science, food and nutrition, 3D printing, and science and art of leaves.

Serving as a platform to showcase the DoST achievements of DoST, the 2024 NYSTIF will also feature exhibits by the various department agencies to delight the Filipino youth and increase their science knowledge.

Visit the NYSTIF Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/nystifdot and the NYSTIF website at www.nystifdot.gov.ph for more information. TMT

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Word Cup Associated Editors Co. Executive Director Eugenio Serrano Calapat welcomes participants to the 21st Word Cup National Journalism Conference and Contests at Angeles Hill, Taguig City, on May 8 and 9, 2024. Campus journalists take videos and photos of the event as a reference for their outputs. CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

'Campus journalism can boost interest in science'

SOME 263 campus journalists and school paper advisers from across the country can help "improve public understanding and appreciation of the value of science in everyday life," Science Communicators Philippines Inc. (SciCommPh) head Ruby Roan-Cristobal said during the 21st Word Cup National Campus Journalism Press Conference and Contests.

Roan-Cristobal, senior lecturer at the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) College of Development Communication, saw the need for scientists and those in the applied sciences to speak more publicly while challenging campus journalists to serve as "microphones" to hype interest in the field.

"Science communication and education help inform policymakers and provide sound bases for decision-making," she said.

The Word Cup, held at Angeles Hill in Taguig City on May 8 and 9, carried the theme "The Role of

Science Museums in Promoting A Science Nation: Fostering Interests in Science, Math and STEM-Related Courses and Careers."

Roan-Cristobal also hosts the Sunday radio program "Radio Herno" on DZRH and has been the chief science research specialist at the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) for 46 years.

She said "NGOs are more vocal" when many scientists who generate actual knowledge through research are often out of the picture.

Roan-Cristobal was with co-presenter May Paginohin, who

manages the Philippines' first museum dedicated to science, during the conference.

Paginohin, executive director of the Philippine Foundation for Science and Technology, who oversees Science Centrum, shared the views of Roan-Cristobal that scientists need to do more to help promote interests in the field, which in turn may prod public officials to fund science education.

She observed that public and private investments in science museums remain low.

While Science Centrum, a privately operated museum dedicated to promoting interests in the sciences, has served over a hundred thousand visitors over the years, the proportion remains low compared to around 26 million learners nationwide.

Paginohin said a financial investment of about P5 million is needed to create a regional science centrum. The organization currently has eight regional hubs in partnership with local governments.

Eugenio Calapat, organizer of the 21st Word Cup, said the event featured two of the country's experts "as a necessary first step in voluntarily assisting the Department of Education (DepEd) in promoting science and math education in view of the very low Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) ranking of 15-year-old learners in the country."

"They say that it takes a community to raise a child, and we add properly communicating with them the issues and challenges can help address these concerns," Calapat, a former media professional with a doctorate and advanced degrees in education and management, added.

He added that the participants will submit their contest entries based on the information gathered from the press conference and their follow-up interviews with the presenters. After that, the evaluation will be done by invited Word Cup fellows, who are media practitioners. **THE MANILA TIMES**

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UST summit advances church heritage conservation

THE University of Santo Tomas (UST) is hosting the National Summit of Church Archives and Heritage Workers starting May 8, to May 11, 2024, at the Multi-Function Room, 2nd Floor, Burnhaven Plaza Garcia Paredes OP Building.

The summit has invited diocesan and religious archivists, parish secretaries, diocesan chancellors, and religious congregation secretaries, those appointed and directly involved in archiving roles, to participate in an academic and professional capacity-building event aimed toward the conservation of church archival heritage.

It will recognize the Society of Ecclesiastical Archivists of the Philippines (SEAP) membership from around the nation, reinforce the involvement of the archdiocese, dioceses, religious archivists, parish secretaries and records custodians in the implementation and fulfillment of the Church records preservation, discuss existing practices and explore the pivotal role of archivists and heritage workers, and provide knowledge and skills in managing the Church's cultural heritage records.

National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) Chairman Victoriano Manalo, graced the event and delivered a special message.

On the first day of the summit on Wednesday, UST Faculty of Civil Law Dean Nido Divina delivered the keynote address on "Intellectual Property Law - Applicable to Ecclesiastical and Archival Record and Domain," Prof. Regalado Trota Jose discussed "The Status Quo of the Catholic Church Heritage in the Philippines," and Commission on Cultural Heritage Executive Secretary Fr. Milan Ted Torralba tackled "Archives and Canon Law."

Archdiocese of Manila Chancellor Fr. Ludro Marinas spoke on "The Interplay of the Work of Diocesan Chancellors, Parish Secretaries and Archivists," while NCCA National Committee on Archives head Emma Muñoz-Rev led the "Panel Discussion on Government Archives." Jacklyn Jover Delgado from the National Archives of the Philippines and Vilma Rodriguez from the Senate of the Philippines Archives.

Also included were lectures from Fr. Jonas Aawayan of the Archdiocese of Cagayan de Oro, who braced the discussion on Diocesan Archives.

Meanwhile, Sr. Wilma Bu-mangabang, OP from the St. Catherine of Siena Archives, Fr. Mervin Louague, OP from the Dominican Archives, and Fr. Nestor Impelido from the Salesian Archives jointly discussed the topic of Religious Archives and Family Search Philippines.

field relations manager Felvic Ordinario spoke about "The Impact and Issues of Genealogy Project of the Church of Jesus Christ."

Capping off the first day of the event was a Eucharistic Celebration at the Santissimo Rosario Parish presided by the Archivo de la Universidad de Santo Tomas Acting Archivist Fr. Gaspar Sigora, OP. Lectures for Thursday, May 9, include "Ethics and Accountability in the Management of Archives and Records Management" by Ateneo de Manila University Archives Director Asst. Prof. Francis Navarro, followed by "Development of Archives and Records Management Profession and Training in the Philippines" by the Board for Librarians, Archivists, and Records Management (BLARM) Chairman Yolanda Granda and "Data Privacy for Ecclesiastical Documents" by the executive assistant for the Office of the UST Secretary-General Emmanuel Batulan.

A tour of the UST facilities, including the oldest school-based museum in the country, the UST Museum and its laboratory, the Archivo de la Universidad de Santo Tomas (AUJST), and the Antonio Vivenzio del Rosario UST Heritage Library, comprise the afternoon session.

Day 3 activities include lectures by the UST Perfection Librarian Fr. Angel Apasico regarding the Antonio Vivenzio del Rosario UST Heritage Library, "Disaster Resilience and Post-Disaster Recovery for Cultural Heritage" by UST College of Tourism and Hospitality Management academic staff Kadi Baroro, and "Sustainability in Conservation in the Philippine Setting" by Obdara Manila records specialist Lulu del Mar.

A workshop on Archives management conducted by del Mar, Jocelyn Marcos and the AUJST staff follows a Eucharistic Celebration with Fr. Harold Reatorina, OFM, as presider, and the Fellowship Night.

For the fourth and final day of the summit, the Assistant to the UST Rector for Information and Communications Technology Asst. Prof. Jerrilyn Padua will deliver a lecture on "Parish Registry Portal: E-Records Management of Sacramental Books," while AUJST Acting Archivist Fr. Gaspar Sigora and SEAP Secretary Marcos will lead the "SEAP Moving Forward Workshop and Planning" session.

Concluding the four-day National Summit will be a consecrated Mass with Dumagorte Bishop Jolito Cortes as the main preacher and homilist.

Email: archives@ust.edu.ph for more information. **TMT**

BulSU hosts intl education summit in Malolos

BULACAN State University (BulSU) will host the 1st International Education Summit (IES) 2024 at the Malolos Sports and Convention Center in Malolos, Bulacan, from May 14 to 16, 2024, said BulSU President Teddy San Andres.

With the theme "Sustainability for Quality and Excellence Through Transformational Outcomes-Based Education (OBE)," the summit aims to advance sustainability and excellence in education.

Guests of honor and keynote speakers are Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Chairman I. Prospero de Vera III and Sen. Joel Villanueva. De Vera, represented by CHED Region 3 Director Lora Yusit, will speak about "Key Higher Education Trends and Issues to Know."

Speakers during the plenary sessions include CHED-Deputy Executive Director Lily Brinda Sula to talk on "HEI Internationalization: Meeting the Global Set up

Graduates: Employability and Capability" and "Father of OBE" William Spady to speak on "Quality Education Through OBE."

Mapua University Institute for Digital Learning Dean Jonathan Macayan will talk on "Transformational OBE: Challenges and Benefits" and "Designing OBE Framework, Instructional Materials and Methods and Strategies."

Mapua University professor and Association of Education Researchers and Trainers President Jaunne Pungui will talk on "Assessing Outcomes: Skills and Competencies and Providing Feedback," and Philippine Normal University professor Idlene Yaban will speak on "Empowering Leaders and Faculty Toward a Sustainable Quality Education."

The IES2024 is expected to gather participants across the academic, particularly members of the Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges, government sector and nongovernment organizations to discuss the crucial



role of OBE in driving positive change and innovation in higher education. **ANTONIO G. PAPA**

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Climate action now

By JOHN RYAN M. JACOT

Worsening global temperatures. Rising sea levels. Melting ice sheets. Blazing forest fires. The signs of an environmental crisis called climate change are around us and its effects create a colossal impact that continues to rock the ecological sphere and disrupt the dynamics of ecosystems.

Urban and industrial traditionalists assert that climate change action is a mere obstacle to the enhancement of urban hubs that would improve the quality of life, raise income levels, and develop business activities.

However, despite the fruits of industrial development, ecological sustainability continues to be compromised which further worsens the damage caused by climate change.

For instance, a 2019 United Nations report concluded that the world's oceans and its shores are under distress with fish populations already declining in many regions. Its fallout would be difficult to contain without immediate and sustained ecological action.

In addition, a 2018 report from PAGASA revealed that there will be an increase in annual mean temperature which shows a large amount of warming per year. This change is being driven by increased carbon dioxide and other human-made emissions.

The global effects of climate change can be seen in the increase of sea levels where 20 cities are found to be highly vulnerable to a one-meter sea level rise. According to a 2017 study by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), this will

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"effectively flood cities around the world."

The measures made against climate change are heavy chains that entangle communities as the world seeks for ecological sustainability.

Stakeholders of the environment – civic groups, the government, and all of us – should pool resources toward promoting simple yet dynamic ways to address climate change so anchored in the National Framework Strategy on Climate Change.

It is best for everyone to answer the call of environmental action now, not later. Let us take it from the words of Sealito Palilo from the Climate Change Commission, who said: "Come together because your future is at risk. If we take action now, we can work together toward ensuring that our future and the future of the next generation will be safe."

Are you ready to take action now?

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EDITOR'S NOTE

During the 16th Word Cup held in Iloilo, some journalists and school paper officers all over the country converged to learn about journalism and leadership, and to learn to report on current topics such as mental health and climate change. After the 16th, participants were assigned to submit an article on their reaction to climate change. Here are four of the best ones. — Johnnie L. Choo

No one is spared

By JONATHAN B. EMMANUEL

Climate change is inevitable to ignore. It is no longer an abstract scenario of the future. We feel it now. We see it now. With urgency, we are now doing tangible actions to act now with efforts on combating climate change on a global scale.

A lot of people say they are aware about climate change, but sadly most of them do not actually know little about it.

With overwhelming scientific evidence, reports, and data revealing extreme weather, record-breaking temperatures, melting glaciers, we tend to just submit ourselves at the mercy of nature. Well, perhaps not anymore especially in the case of the Philippines.

According to Sealito Palilo from the Climate Change Commission, under the Paris Agreement,

"Climate change is inevitable to ignore. It is no longer an abstract scenario of the future. We feel it now. We see it now."

The Philippines has committed to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 70 percent by 2030.

"The commission is doing extensive information campaigns using all media platforms, symposia, and trainings on the effects of climate change, and to also relay things which can be done to deal with this issue," he said.

Scientists also suggest with certainty that the issue must be addressed in a bigger perspective to gain global attention. Climate change must be given optimum attention, more than anything else. Without doubt, the issue now is beyond the use of fossil fuel, industrial revolution, levels of carbon dioxide nor heat-trapping gases and global temperatures. The argument now must be beyond the portals of forests burning, coral reef dying, and water supplies shrinking.

It is about finding tangible and sustainable mechanisms to stop the damage. We need to act together as one. We need to do it now – faster and better – because no one is spared. Remember, we can fight climate change. We are the world's greatest resource.

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Take the first step

By RIJ LANSANG

Numerous national and international interventions have been proven to be inadequate in reversing the devastating effects of climate change.

Climate change has been a roundabout topic that it has already become a staple on newspapers and campus publications. And most of these articles focus on one topic – the "climate game."

Humans are not off the hook when it comes to climate change. It's an inherent fact that we are at fault here. This is not a matter of judging who is to blame.

It's a matter of do, don't, or die.

In his talk, climate change resource speaker and author of 31 books, Dr. Cristian Masling, shared his insights and expertise on climate change. Masling encouraged the young journalists to use the "power of the pen" in combating climate change.

"Be involved, take it as an issue, and write in publications," Masling said. Actions speak louder than words. It is an adage that has continued to prove that it is easier said than done.

Everybody should take part in alleviating and eventually eliminating this global crisis. It is never enough to pinpoint the root cause of all of these.

Words are empty if not coupled with the right actions. As Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."

We already know what needs to be done. We have to act now and save the planet. Take the first step.

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Write about climate change

Dr. Cristian Masling, author and columnist at SoCivNet, explains to participants, composed of campus journalists and school paper advisers, how to report on climate change in the talk "Engaging various Stakeholders in the Climate Crisis" held during the 16th Word Cup in Iloilo. (Photo by Jenny A. Demagio)

No classes, yehey?

By RYELLE P. VILLANUEVA

It has been two months into the academic year, yet students have already missed a lot of classes due to frequent class suspensions. On the third week of September alone, out of the five school days, students in Camte have only attended their classes once, since their Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday classes have been suspended due to intense weather brought about by Typhoon Ninda.

Meanwhile, posts on social media seem to show how most students are in favor of these suspensions. A little rain and they would be putting their hopes up to hear a word from their governor or mayor.

However, this frequent rainfall seems to be just a glimpse of a bigger picture. Dr. Cristian Masling, a veteran journalist who published books on climate change, talked about how rainfall patterns have changed and how "winds and rains have become more severe."

This was supported by Sealito Palilo from the Climate Change Commission, who underscored Masling's point. Typically, the Philippines encounters about 20 typhoons a year. Though the typhoons visiting the archipelago have lessened in

number, they became stronger in intensity.

"Monsoons are strengthened and there are new situations we have never experienced before," said Palilo.

Palilo lamented that local government officials are sometimes taught of guard by these changes but this has improved through time, especially now that they are more active in making decisions such as class suspensions.

"These changes are no doubt effects of climate change. However, students are not the only ones affected."

"Farmers don't know when to plant anymore," said Masling. He then "changed" the term climate change to make it not only as "climate crisis" but more as a "climate catastrophe."

"It (climate change) has become a threat to the survival of man," warned Masling. The next time students hope for class suspension, may they be reminded of the bigger battle that all of us are facing. There is more to it than just taking a day off from class.

Villanueva, 25, is a communication arts student from Lyceum of the Philippines-Cavite



Learn what PH is doing vs. climate change

Participants of the 16th Word Cup interview Sealito Palilo (seated) of the Climate Change Commission to clarify how the Philippines which contributes a meager 0.12 percent compared to China's 26 percent and the US's 16 percent of greenhouse gas emissions can reduce it further by more than half without sacrificing industrial growth. Countries are having agreed time to limit rising global temperatures due to the greenhouse effect. Breaching the additional two-degree threshold can lead to irreversible threat of sea level rise of close to one meter due to the unrelated melting of polar ice. (Photo by Egeria Anido Iteet C. College of St. Mary's Science High School)

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**Saving a critical wetland
to promote ecotourism**

HAVEN IN THE METRO

EGRETS FLY OVER THE LPPCHEA
- There are about 80 bird species documented in the 175-hectare area. Photo below: Word Cup Journalism participants gather in the conference area for an ecology education lecture and press briefing courtesy of the DENR Protected Area Biodiversity Conservation Section and organized by the Manila Palawan Laysan Club. The DENR has enclosed stakeholders at the clean-up, tree planting and ecology education at the LPPCHEA since the government launched the Manila Bay Rehabilitation in June. Freedom and Long Islands - which comprise LPPCHEA - serve as a catch basin of solid wastes mostly plastic and household wastes. On a weekly average, some 3.5 tons of garbage are hauled by DPWH for processing at the San Pablos dump site en route to its final destination in Rodriguez, Rizal. (Photos by Jimmy A. Dominga)

Text by PATRICK JURENT B. BAYATO

Within the busy concrete jungle that is Metro Manila, one would not expect to find a haven for migratory birds just right at the south of Manila Bay. This area is called the Las Pilas-Panaguan Critical Habitat and Ecotourism Area (LPPCHEA), a proof that a highly urbanized place could still spare some space for environmental causes.

Priding itself by being listed in the Ramsar Wetland of International Importance, the 175-hectare LPPCHEA is home to more than 1,000 migratory birds which consider the latter as a rest stop from tedious migration over the months of August to July.

However, with urbanization creeping just right at its doorstep, ready to take over the mangrove-laden wetland, how much time do these birds have to enjoy this habitat?

Adding to that challenge, during the southwest monsoon, this critical habitat suffers from pollution due to the arrival of solid and liquid wastes, increasing the amount of coliform bacteria in the water. This hampers the fishes that temporarily serve as food for the birds that come from as far as Australia, Siberia and Japan.

It is also important to note that infrastructure development is gaining ground in the area which could affect the health of the 26-hectare mangrove



Residente Estrella, 59, a businessman in LPPCHEA said they also help protect the cleanliness of the habitat as it is also their source of livelihood. They can catch an average of two kilos of fish for an hour using their nets. (Photo by Jimmy A. Dominga)



forest. The impact of urban expansion towards the country's economy is undeniably significant. Urbanization entails with it the promise of increased employment, stronger international ties and a more equitable economic growth. But should this prosperity be at the expense of the environment?

The people behind LPPCHEA firmly believe that the habitat could be an urban destination where visitors could be offered a unique experience. Aside from learning about the importance of nature, see migratory birds in flight, and know the impact of the presence of mangroves, this could be an ideal site for 'ecotourism' - merging the joy of tour-

ism with the fervor of volunteering one's time and resources to promote equality towards our one and only planet. Sadly, we live in a time where considering our critical habitats as collateral to the surge of urbanization is justifiable. But on the other side of the coin, if we get rid of our apathy towards nature conservation, LPPCHEA could not only continue to provide a temporary home for migratory birds for years to come but also become a shining example how environment conservation can exist side-by-side with urbanization. (The author is an English teacher at Guadalupe National High School in Negros Oriental)



A DPWH worker, one of 40 personnel assigned at the LPPCHEA, gather garbage, mostly plastics and household non biodegradable wastes which wash ashore from the Las Pilas and Panaguan river tributaries, Cavite and Batangas areas. (Photo by Jean Hope Baltazar of Titay NIS, Zamboanga Silingay). Left on average, since the Manila Bay Rehabilitation which started off in June, the area's workers and volunteers collect at least 50 sacks of trash weighing 6 to 7 kilograms when dry. (Photo by Bea Neely T. Eugenio from V. Mapa High School, Manila)

GREEN IS IN!

Eco responsibility

Topota Motor Philippines Corporation (TMP) joined the Global Topota Environment Month through a series of activities that raise awareness on environmental conservation. TMP team members and representatives from the Topota Suppliers Club (TSC) planted 100 trees inside the 11-hectare Topota Forest at the Topota Special Economic Zone in Santa Rosa, Laguna. Topota volunteers also participated in the river clean-up along the Silang-Santa Rosa River near the company's vicinity (see photo). By cleaning up the river, TMP hopes to prevent further pollution and improve the waterways. The Silang-Santa Rosa River is connected to Laguna Lake, which is one of the primary water sources for livelihood of nearby communities.

Corporate-led forest restoration program cited by CSR group

The future has, indeed, taken root for geothermal leader Energy Development Corporation (EDC) whose 'Birhi' greening legacy program has won the best corporate social responsibility (CSR) project in environment at the League of Corporate Foundation's 1st CSR Guild Awards.

Birhi is the first corporate-led forest restoration program that has been bridging forest gaps and bringing back biodiversity of our threatened Philippine native trees.

This recognition is a big honor for us because it comes from our peers who have their own laudable CSR programs as well," said Atty Allan V. Barcena, head of EDC's CSR group.

Planting trees and growing them have been an integral part of

sustaining the geothermal reservoir in EDC's geothermal reservation for over 40 years. In 2008, the company launched Birhi to expand the program by using science in planting and rescuing threatened native trees. A total of 36 threatened native tree species have been prioritized for this search and rescue program as their numbers have been dwindling, with some even believed to be extinct.

In 2011, EDC launched locating, collecting these hardwood species and began propagating them in 2013 through its Vegetative Material Reproduction (VMR) technology, which mimics our forest's natural environment in two automated nurseries located in the company's geothermal facility in Valencia, Negros Oriental and in Antipolo, Metro Manila.

Moreover, around 9,123 hectares of forest land within and surrounding EDC project sites has been rehabilitated. This is equivalent to about 6.4 million

seedlings planted all over the country in partnership with 109 farmers associations whose members are incentivized for helping EDC grow and maintain its Birhi areas.

EDC's Birhi experience shows that, with the right combination of win-win strategies and partnerships, the triple bottom line of environmental, social, and economic transformation is attainable.

Another good example of successful strategic partnerships is the 10 Million Trees in 10 Years for a Greener Negros (10M in 10) project, one of the finalists in the 1st CSR Guild Awards' Outstanding CSR Collaboration Project category. 10M in 10 is a movement that EDC initiated in 2015 to grow back the forests in Negros Island by planting, growing, and maintaining 10 million trees in 10 years.

As of 2018, 10M in 10 has already planted over 6.2 million trees with the help of its 136 stakeholder partners.

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