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27th WORD CUP PHILIPPINES

Per invitation letter from Dr. Eugenio Sonny O. Calapit, Executive Director of the NextNarrative, Inc., dated October 19, 2025 the **27th Word Cup Philippines**-National Journalism Conference and Contest will be conducted on **December 5-7, 2025** at the National Press Club, Intramuros, Manila.

Word Cup has been a premier platform for campus journalists, advisers and student leaders nationwide to sharpen their skills, showcase their talents, and engage in meaningful exchanges on the practice of journalism.

This national event is recognized as one of the country's longest-running and practitioner-led journalism programs, offering immersive training, press simulations, competitions, and recognition opportunities for student journalists and teacher-advisers.

In line with this, all schools are encouraged to take part in the said event on **VOLUNTARY** basis. The actual program, lecture series, workshop and press conference will be conducted during weekends, to ensure that no classroom lessons and events will be disrupted.

Attached is a copy of the invitation letter, matrix of activities and details of registration for reference.

For inquiries, please contact: 0954 190 2247, Wordcup.philippines@gmail.com or Facebook: Word Cup Associated Editors Co.

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19 Oct 2025

THE SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT

Through: The Division Journalism Supervisor

Dear Superintendent:

Warm greetings!

On behalf of NextNarrative, Inc. and our partners, we are honored to invite your school paper advisers, administrators, and publication staff to the **27th Word Cup Philippines**, to be held in the historic Intramuros, Manila on Dec. 5-7, 2025.

Word Cup has been a premier platform for campus journalists, advisers, and student leaders nationwide to sharpen their skills, showcase their talents, and engage in meaningful exchanges on the practice of journalism. Over the years, Word Cup has produced alumni who have gone on to excel in media, education, and leadership—testament to its impact in shaping young communicators.

The most recent event brought together around **600 participants** from across the country. This milestone gathering featured intensive training sessions, contests across multiple journalism categories, and a press conference with industry leaders. Schools that participated not only gained recognition through their students' achievements but also strengthened their reputation for nurturing excellence in communication, critical thinking, and creativity. Some of them even got published in major newspapers. We believe that the 27th Word Cup Philippines will bring added value to your school in the following ways:

- **Capacity Building for Campus Journalists and Advisers** – participants gain hands-on training and updated knowledge in journalism, media literacy, and digital communication from award-winning journalists, editors, and media professionals
- **Industry-standard national exposure** – students compete and collaborate with peers from other regions, broadening their perspectives and honing their competitive edge in covering live press briefings and simulations, just like real media practitioners
- **Publication Opportunities** – selected outstanding works are published in national dailies, giving participants the rare chance to see their voices amplified on a wider stage.
- **Institutional Prestige** – active participation positions your school as a strong supporter of youth development, freedom of expression, and responsible journalism in our **Word Cup Ambassador Award**
- **Community Impact** – student outputs and learnings can cascade to your school paper, broadcasting teams, and student councils, enriching the campus as a whole.

We would be most grateful if your office could circulate the attached information through your official channels and networks. We have attached the program and mechanics of participation. You may join through this link: <https://bit.ly/27thWordCupPH>. For inquiries, we may be reached through wordcup.philippines@gmail.com and 0954 190 2247 or visit our Facebook: Word Cup Associated Editors Co.

We look forward to welcoming your delegation in the historic National Press Club, Intramuros, Manila for the 27th Word Cup Philippines. Together, let us empower the next generation of storytellers, truth-seekers, and nation-builders.

With sincere regards,


EUGENIO SONNY O. CALAPIT, Ed.D., En.P.
Executive Director



SAMPLE MEMORANDUM

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region _____
Schools Division of _____
DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. _____, s. 2025

TO: All Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools
FROM: Schools Division Superintendent
SUBJECT: Participation in the 27th Word Cup Philippines – National Journalism Conference and Contest
DATE: _____

1. The 27th Word Cup Philippines – National Journalism Conference and Contest will be conducted on December 5–7, 2025 at the National Press Club, Intramuros, Manila.
2. This national event is recognized as one of the country's longest-running and practitioner-led journalism programs, offering immersive training, press simulations, competitions, and recognition opportunities for student journalists and teacher-advisers.
3. Participation in this activity is aligned with the Department of Education's commitment to strengthening journalism, media literacy, critical thinking, and communication skills among learners.
4. Schools are hereby encouraged to send their School Publication Advisers (SPAs), campus journalists, and interested faculty to the said event. Expenses may be charged against school/division MOOE or local INSET funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
5. For registration and other details, participants may visit the following link and contact the organizers directly:
 - Registration: <https://bit.ly/27thWordCupPH>
 - Email: wordcup.philippines@gmail.com
 - Mobile: 0954 190 2247
 - Facebook: Word Cup Associated Editors Co.
6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

[Name of Superintendent]
Schools Division Superintendent

27th Word Cup Philippines

Indicative Matrix of Activities*

5 December 2025 (Friday)

2:00-5:00 PM	Distribution of IDs, kits and t-shirts (optional but encouraged)
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6 December 2025 (Saturday)

7:00-8:00 AM	Distribution of IDs, kits and t-shirts		
8:00-11:30 AM	Opening Program & Press Conference		
11:30 AM – 12:45 PM	Lunch		
1:00-3:00 PM	News Writing (NW) <i>Pagsulat ng Balita</i>	Feature Writing (FW) <i>Pagsulat ng Lathalain</i>	Editorial Writing (EDW) <i>Pagsulat ng Pang-ulong Tudling</i>
3:00 PM	Output deadline for NW, FW and EDW participants		
3:15-4:00 PM	Mobile Journalism (MJ)	Photojournalism (PJ)	Sports Writing (SP) <i>Pagsulat ng Balitang Isports</i>
4:00 – 5:00 PM	Coverage of Sports event		
5:00 – 6:00 PM	Workshop (MJ, PJ, SP)		
6:00 PM	Output deadline for MJ, PJ and SP participants		

7 December 2025 (Sunday)

8:00-10:00 AM	Science & Technology Writing (STW) <i>Pagsulat ng Agham at Teknolohiya</i>	Copyreading & Headline Writing (CHW) <i>Pag-uulo at Pagwawasto ng Balita</i>	Editorial Cartooning (EC) <i>Paglalarawang Tudling</i>
10:00 AM	Output deadline for STW, CHW and EC participants		
10:15- 12:00 NN	Watercolor Wellness		
12:00-1:30 PM	Lunch		
1:45-5:00 PM	Awarding Ceremony Word Cup Ambassador Award (School Paper Advisers) Word Cup Institutional Ambassador Award Recognition of Exemplary Work		

* SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Please note that the actual program starts on 6 December 2025. Participants arriving in Manila on 5 December 2025 can opt to claim their IDs, kits and shirts from 2:00 to 5:00 PM at the venue (TBA).

DETAILS OF REGISTRATION

Objectives of the press coverage and national contest:

1. Enhance skills in writing, photography, and mobile journalism.
2. Cover live press briefings.
3. Recognize and award exemplary work.
4. Publish quality outputs in national media.

Contests are **optional** and open to:

- Elementary, junior, and senior high school students
- Tertiary students
- School paper advisers, language and communication arts teachers, department heads, school heads, and public information officers

What to bring:

- *Mobile Journalism participants* – cellphone, lapel/mic, and/or laptop with video editing applications
- *Photojournalism participants* – cameras or cellphones

WORD CUP AMBASSADORS AWARD

- Aspirants must submit a **2 to 3-minute video message/testimonial** on how Word Cup workshops have benefited students, teachers, or schools. These will be posted on our social media pages.
- To qualify as an **Institutional Ambassador Awardee**:
 - Bronze: minimum of 10 participants
 - Silver: minimum of 15 participants
 - Gold: minimum of 20 participants

ACCOMMODATION AND LOGISTICS

Accommodation and transportation for activities outside the venue are **not included** and must be shouldered separately by participants.

T-SHIRT CUTOFF DATE

- Official Word Cup t-shirts are available at **₱400/shirt**.
- **Order deadline: 15 November 2025** (to allow time for production)



27th Word Cup Philippines

Participation Fee per person

Early bird

Payment made on or before 31 October 2025

₱5,000

Regular

Payment made from 1 November 2025 onwards

₱5,500

Meals

6 December – AM snacks, Lunch and PM snacks

7 December – AM snacks, Lunch and PM snacks

Accommodation and transportation **NOT** included

Participation fees may be deposited to:

BDO Account Number 012330 081983

Account Name: Word Cup Associated Editors Co.

No Word Cup event has ever been rescheduled or cancelled. For own cancellation in case of force majeure and government pronouncement, fees paid may be applied to the next Word Cup event.

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As promised to participants whose works are outstanding, our speaker gave this incredible opportunity, and they're reaping the rewards! 🌟 Your Word Cup family salutes your hard work and dedication! 🌟

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VOICES

How to become a maid at age 70

Reflections of a young person on the cycle of life

by JESSICA DION TORRES, 17
Her talk of her mother's journey in Manila City
inspired by MANILA BULLETIN

The first time I saw my mother, she was a young woman, a beauty, a girl. She was the one who taught me how to be a woman, how to be a mother. She was the one who taught me how to be a woman, how to be a mother.



The author

When I was born, my mother was a young woman, a beauty, a girl. She was the one who taught me how to be a woman, how to be a mother. She was the one who taught me how to be a woman, how to be a mother.

The choice is yours: Walk the expected path, or forge a path of your own, becoming the master of a future that bends to what is right.

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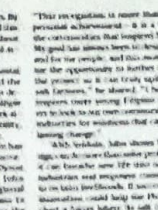
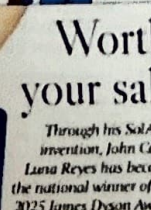
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book that honors OFWs

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VOICES

Leave my pen under the rubble

Student journalist reminds us of the vital role of truth-tellers

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Illustration by ALTHEA B. MORA, 17
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There is no silence. There is only a cacophony of voices, a chaotic symphony of words and sounds. It is a world where the pen is not just a tool, but a lifeline. It is a world where the pen is the only thing that can truly be trusted.



They are the ones who tell Filipinos what they are. They are the ones who tell us that the world is not just a place of beauty and hope, but a place of pain and suffering. They are the ones who tell us that the world is not just a place of peace and harmony, but a place of war and conflict.



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Their ink is more than words on paper — it is blood, it is memory, it is a map toward a future where the rubble no longer buries the pen but lifts it higher, unshaken.

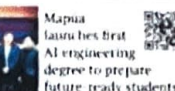
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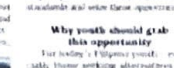
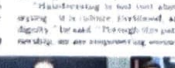
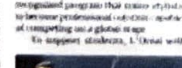


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VOICES

The youth must practice digital discernment

Scroll, think, decide

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Do you agree?
"Why yes!"
"Why not?"
"What do you mean?" "Why did they slide with this?"

These are the questions lingering in our ears and minds whenever we are asked about a hot topic. Now, mind if you share yours?

In a world where technology is rapidly evolving, the youth are most likely to be influenced by gadgets and devices. This is bound to happen.

Everyone carries gadgets loaded with social media apps like Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, X, TikTok, Threads, and more, drawn to the endless "fun" they provide. Spending time on these apps, "doom scrolling," must seem enjoyable, as you're entertained without paying a cent.

Social media is a platform where not only can you connect and converse with friends and loved ones, but also access boundless and unfiltered entertainment. You can share various information, interact with people, and build relationships. It can even be educational through free tutorials and lessons.

"How-to" guides, and crash courses on YouTube. As long as you have



The author

Internet access, the possibilities are endless. It can be a helpful tool to unwind and relax after a long, hectic day. Using on these social media platforms also allows users to follow people they admire for any reason—and that's where the sinkhole starts to widen.

People are easily influenced, especially those who are quick to let their guard down. With the "right" structure of opinion and the presence of "right" data, anyone can be swayed. This fuels the spread of misinformation and the misuse of popularity because the Internet is a wild place.

In any topic—beauty, travel, art, showbiz, and more—everyone is entitled to their own opinion. But once someone sees a post that contradicts their views, and it has number engagement, something inside them may start to shift. Picture this: A team is chafing about a certain debate and is stumbling upon a post with 500,000 likes and 40,000 comments. What do you think they'll do? Of course, they'll read it. But the catch is: They're hearing only one side of the story. That's why having your own opinion matters. Hear it and own it, only after knowing and understanding the full story.

A post may offer facts, but that doesn't mean it's 100 percent accurate.

Artwork by Neilmond Raynor Carman



According to Pew Research Center, 95 percent of teens worldwide use social media apps. That means 95 percent can scroll through TikTok, with 50 percent chance of being influenced. Through engagements, this industry is fueled by influence, thanks to algorithms that tailor content for each user. It's like a mind game you face every day where you ask yourself, "Is real?" then end up agreeing with the post simply because it seems facts to sound "real" and "favorable."

People are easily influenced, especially those who are quick to let their guard down.

Social media, especially in the age of artificial intelligence, is growing more powerful with time. Let's not under-estimate, not disregard, our ability to think critically and form our own opinions. We are all entitled, and we are powerful in our own right, and that's something no one can take away.

We, the youth, must not let a single

post define what our hearts and minds truly stand for. To my fellow youth, I offer this reminder: Understand, reflect, and discern wisely, drawing from verified information and credible sources. Let truth guide your voice, not just what's trending.

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Campus journalist weighs in on AI's double-edged role in truth and deception

AI, or a lie?

By MB Lifestyle

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Text by JESSTONY B. ANGEL

Cartoon by ALNICO FERNANDEZ JR.

With the rapid rise of artificial intelligence (AI), now capable of generating realistic videos, we must ask ourselves: are we embracing a revolutionary breakthrough, or have we just unlocked a powerful new channel for the spread of fake news?

AI is no longer a futuristic concept—it's here, woven into our daily routines. From drafting essays to generating images and automating paperwork, AI has become a convenient tool for many Filipinos. It's undeniable: AI makes life easier. But as with any powerful tool, there are downsides, especially when it's used to mislead, manipulate, or misinform.

Take, for instance, the AI-generated video involving the impeachment of the Vice President. In the video, "AI students" were shown responding to the issue. But if the goal was to gather genuine youth opinion, why rely on computer-generated personas? Why not amplify real voices?

The truth is, every AI-generated output is based on prompts and commands from a human operator. It reflects the intent, bias, and perspective of its creator. And when such content is framed as public opinion, it risks becoming a sophisticated form of disinformation.

Thankfully, some viewers were quick to notice the visuals looked off, the settings unfamiliar, and the quality inconsistent. But not every Filipino has the awareness and ability to distinguish real from fabricated. In fact, AI-generated content is becoming so lifelike that even seasoned politicians and netizens have failed to spot that the video wasn't real.

That's alarming. If our public officials can be fooled, how much harder is it for the average Filipino, many of whom are still adjusting to this new digital reality? According to a study, majority of Filipinos either fall victim to fake news or face challenges navigating media and information online.

Social media, the most common source of disinformation, is particularly vulnerable. Unlike messaging apps or search engines, social platforms amplify content quickly and widely. This is why tech companies must step up: strengthen moderation, fact-check rigorously, and prevent false content from spreading unchecked.

Yet, platform moderation remains inadequate. While a third of Filipinos believe current efforts are enough, there are those who feel platforms are falling short in removing harmful or misleading posts. The message is clear: Filipinos want more accountability from these tech giants.

But we, the users, also bear responsibility. We cannot wait for platforms to fix everything. We must take proactive steps. So, what do we do?

Let's think of information like food. Before eating, you check for ingredients, inspect its freshness, and observe how it's presented. The same logic should apply online. Before believing a post or sharing a video, ask: Is it credible? Does it come from a reliable source? Is there anything suspicious about it?

This mindset of careful, critical consumption is our best defense in a digital world polluted by misinformation. If we can cultivate this skill, if we can tell the difference between truth and manipulation, between human-made and AI-generated, then we stand a chance of preserving the integrity of public discourse.

As AI continues to shape our digital future, we must remember: it is a double-edged sword. It can power progress, and at the flip side, propagate lies. At its core, AI is just a tool. Whether it builds a better society or breaks it apart depends on how we decide to use it.

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Truth and trend

The digital war for the youth's opinion

By MICHAEL JAY DEMINGOY
 Illustration by LEONAR D. FUNA

Digital footprints are now louder than street protests. Social media has become the battleground of thoughts, opinions, and ideologies, especially among the youth. Platforms like Facebook, TikTok, X, and Instagram have grown into spaces where conversations unfold, sometimes even faster than traditional news can catch up. But with this access comes a challenge: How do we ensure that what shapes our youth is rooted in truth—and not just in trends?

Social media has empowered the voice of the youth like never before. It has enabled them to engage in social issues, speak out against injustice, and influence conversations that once seemed beyond their reach. With just one click, they can create movements, organize protests, or advocate for change. This digital empowerment is vital, but so is the need to complement it with accountability and awareness.

In this digital age, however, the spread of misinformation, disinformation, and fake news remains a

growing and glaring threat. Opinions are often formed not solely through facts, but also through edited content, misleading headlines, and viral posts designed to provoke emotion rather than encourage understanding. It becomes increasingly difficult to distinguish verified knowledge from manipulated narratives.

In this digital war, campus journalists are among the most affected. Many still struggle to distinguish truthful information from falsehoods. They trust the sources they see until they realize they have unknowingly become messengers of misinformation. While these campus journalists are expected to be the watchdogs in their respective schools, they are bombarded with so much unfiltered content that separating fake from real information becomes a challenge.

Therefore, campus journalists must be equipped with the tools to verify sources, fact-check claims, and report issues that matter. But they cannot do this alone. For example, school paper advisers (SPAs) are not only mentors as they are also the frontline defenders of truth, tasked with guiding the youth to become vanguards



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of ethical journalism and responsible digital citizenship. The SPAs are responsible for nurturing a generation that can resist misinformation and rise above digital manipulation.

When emotions are weaponized and misinformation is left unchecked, critical thinking becomes more crucial than ever. Algorithms—systems that rank user-provided signals to determine what type of content to display—often trap users within echo chambers,

exposing them only to opinions that reinforce what they already believe. This narrow perspective threatens healthy discourse.

To maximize social media's potential, the government, schools, and communities must work hand-in-hand to promote digital literacy and access to truthful information. Although social media shapes opinions, it must not be left unchecked. In the hands of informed and conscientious



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youth, it becomes not just a platform, but a powerful instrument for change.

As critical thinkers, now is the time for us to advocate for truth in the name of transparency and good governance through access to accurate and verified information. For in this ongoing digital war, social media is shaping opinions and, ultimately, the direction of our nation.

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Panagutin nagpapakalat ng kasinungalingan



"The lowest form of popular culture... lack of information, misinformation, disinformation and a contempt for the truth or the reality of most people's lives... has overrun real journalism."
- Carl Bernstein
Sa halip na umakso ng pananaginagat matapos nabuwag na peke ang video, ang naging tugon ni Sen. Bato Dela Rosa sa publiko ay maraming pa ang mga nagbayag ng babala "Lodon n'yo! Mga ulol kayo!"
Bukod sa ang kanyang ginawa ay nakakahiya

ito rin ay lubos na nakakahalala ang nagpapakalat ng maling impormasyon sa publiko.
Posible bang may nalabag etikal na tungkulin sa karulid niya na halal na opinyon?
Bukod sa ang nagpapakalat sa isang demokritikong bansa ang nagpapakalat ng isang AI generated deepfake ay may matinding epekto sa kasapatan ng mamamayan sa tamang impormasyon.

Ilalag ang Senado, manahan mula sa kanya ang pagiging toto at tapat at kailanman ay hindi maging mandirilig o mandokito sa mamamayang Pilipino.

Sa ngayon, wala pang batas sa Pilipinas na tutukoy sa pagpapakalat ng maling impormasyon gamit ang AI.
Pero may mga umiiral naman na batas para ito ay matugunan tulad ng Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012 (RA 10175) - lakip ng batas na ito ang online libel at false information dissemination. Pero masari naman itong amaydulan sa 20th Congress at isama ang AI at deepfake.

Nandayn din ang Article 19, Civil Code of the Philippines na nagpasaad na "Every person must, in the exercise of his rights and in the performance of his duties, act with justice, give everyone his due, and observe honesty and good faith."

Kung may halal na opinyon ang isangyang nagpapakalat ng kasinungalingan, ito'y malinaw na paglabag sa naturang code.

Puwede rin nating tularan ang Singapore's Protection from Online Falsehoods and Manipulation Act (POFMA). Sa piliya nito, ang mga government officials ay pinapalagay na dapat nagpapakalat ng disinformation.

Halimbawa, kung isang public official ang napatunayang walang nagpapakalat ng false AI, ito ay dapat ituring na grave misconduct at maging nagresulta sa suspension, dismissal, o disqualification from public office.

Sa ngayon, may ginawa ng akoyon ang Facebook para di na kumalat ang maling impormasyon ni Sen. Dela Rosa.

Walang personalan.

Sara impeachment pilil tinotokhang, pero humihinga pa rin



Sa isang tunay na demokrasya, ang impeachment ay hindi lang legal na proseso, ito ay isang makapagpapalig nang sandata ng mamamayan (a ban to mga pinakamatatag na lider na lumalag sa twala ng taumbayan. Pero paano kung ang mga "burews" na dapat magbayag ay ito lang tagapagtanggol ng inakabahan? Paano kung ang Senado ay hindi na hukuman ng katotohanan, kundi pagad na ng sabwatan?

Gusto ang mala telebisyonang sitwasyon ng kumansadikang natin ngayon sa impeachment ni Vice President Sara Duterte.

Hindi pa man nagsumula ang aktuwal na impeachment trial ni Vice President Sara Duterte, ang apat na senador—una Ronald "Bato" Dela Rosa, Christopher "Bong" Go, Jesse Marcos, at Robin Padilla—ay nagtutong ng robes hindi bilang mga impartial senator-judges kundi mga abogado ng impeachment na base presidente. Kilang kita ng mamamayan kung paano sila akribong kumilos upang isagawin, pakunin, at tulidkan ang impeachment, bago pa ito humantong sa katatagan at katotohanan.

Lina na rin ni Bato, na walang palagay heyon sa kanyang mga pahayag na gusto niyang patayin

ang impeachment. Parang EJK lang. Mabibil, brat, at walang due process. Pero ano pa ba ang saahian natin sa misioning utak at tagapag patungod ng Oplan Tuhang? Kung mising ng mga mamamayan ay walang habas na pinagtatay noon, impeachment pa kaya, lalo na ang nakakalang ay ang anak ng kanilang amo?

Sumusud naman si Bong Go, ang eternal tuldik ng mga Duterte. Tabuik man sa pananalita, malinang kaan ang pagkilig. Siya ang unang sumunog sa mision ng Bato na ibasuri agad ang reklamo. Inatin din ni Bato noong kampanya na kapag hindi sila nakakulat sa rikasyon, mat lalaki ang posibilidad na umuad ang impeach ment process.

Hindi rin magpapahuli si Imre. Habang umiiral ang usapin ng impeachment, nardoon siya, hindi sa Senado, kundi sa Malaysia kasama si Sara. Sa halip na magpakita ng distanya sa akabado, paano nung samahan ito sa mga "of ficial functions." Tila ba sinakab niyang hindi lang siya kalyado kundi kakampi, kaibigan, at travel buddy pa. At noong tanungin tungkol sa impeachment, ang sagot niya ay akanya lamang daw ito ng oras.

At syempre, sa Robin Padilla, ang bida ng sarili niyang Duterte Power television. Sumama sa Malaysia, sumama sa The Hague, at sa harap ng kamara'y biglang sumigaw ng linya: "Kahit sinugrin ako, Duterte pa rin ako!" Kailan kaya ang boribore sa Senado? Kailan kaya siya magpa pasunog? O buka naman kukaha siya ng stunt double? Kung hindi pa 'yan bias, ewan ko na lang.

Habang ang apat ay hayagan sa kanilang pagkilig, si Senate President Chiz Esguerra naman ay may sariling dukarte. Hindi raw siya

nuring tumututol, pero halatang pinapaba gal, pinapalakaw, at pinapalaki ang proseso sa pananaginagat ng technicalities at procedural gymnastics. Kung bago sa basketball, ita ang player na drizzle lang ng drizzle, pero ayaw i shoot ang bola.

At ngayon, ito ang nakakalang para sa mga ito, ang impeachment ay laro lang ng mga makakapagpapalig nang. Wala sa kamila ang tunay na interes na makatag ang buhaya. Para sa kamila, apat na ang loyalty na kapagkita at kanilang politi cal agenda kaya loyalty sa taumbayan.

Pero may pag asa pa. Sa kabila ng labat ng ito, buhay pa ang impeachment. Naghihanga, at buhay, pero hindi lang pa rin. Piliulang ti nokabang, pero buhay pa rin. Sa kabila ng kalawa't kanang paglarang, na converse na ang Senado ba lang impeachment court. Natutunga na rin ang mga senador bilang hukom. At nagpapag ng na ni VP Sara Duterte. Hindi nito natatag ang naging proseso.

Hindi pa tapos ang labat.

Ngayon, ang bola ay nasa kamay na ng mamamayan. Ang impeachment ay hindi lang lakon ng ilang senador, ito ay labat ng taumbayan. At kung ang Senado ay papik, pipi at laro, kailangan na ting matatag at kumilos.

Gumugon natin ang proseson ng sinimulang patayin. Palakun natin ang sigaw ng buhaya. At ipalala sa kamila ang kapagpapalig nang magpapagat ay nagsumula sa bayan.

Dapat bigyan ng bagong buhay at sigla ng mamamayan ang impeachment. Dahil kung hindi tayo kakilos, walang paninindigan ang Senado. Pero kung tayo'y sabay sabay na tumutong, walang makapagpapalig nang paglahanap natin ng katotohanan at katatagan.



Maulan ang panatag na malaking bahay ng banya nitong naglaang weekend. Pero pagda tang ko sa lila ng Boracay—tila nakasama ang lahat. Maabak ang dagat, at duma pa rin ang alondog ng puting buhangin. Kaya matapos ang arapangon bahay ng akong bayah—ang magbayag ng lecture—nakalabit pa ako'n nakapagpapalig nang sa dagat.

Tila walang ulat sa siglang hotel ng Boracay Buhay na buhay ang negosyo kahit pa umuad na ng lila. Bukar ang mga kumay, tulay ang mga island hopping tour, at ang umuad na rin sa pasabero ang mga trike at e-trike sa pili ng kalsada.

Nagant sa likod ng ganda ng lila, may agan agan akong narananin mula sa ilang lokal na resident. Kumanod ito ng bahay may mung kahig kayo ang 2.54-kilometer Boracay Bridge na may umugay mula Caticlan Airport hanggang mising ng lila. Bagama't malaking tulag ang

Agam-agam ng mga taga-Bora

proyekto para sa legacies at daloy ng mga turista, ito ang tugon ng mga taga lila.

"Paano na kum" tanong ng isang bangkero, kung dati'y new araw ang bayah ng bangka, buka sa tulag ng tulay malubiran na no—at kasama ang kita nito. Ganon.

din ang tanong ng dalag van, prep, at trike drivers. May limpit sa buwan rila habang kumakamayan ang maging epekto ng lila sa kanilang kahaluyan.

Hindi ito buka buka lamang. Ito ito sa mga aktuwal na konsertong tinatagay sa experiential journalism training work shop ng 25th Word Cup PH. Denakahan no ng na ligit 70 campus journalist at school paper advan

mula Luzon, Visayas at Mindanao. Ang kugandahan ng workshop na ito? Hindi ito naratid sa lede ng sensen hall. Hindi lang lecture ang natatagay ng mga estudyante—na ranawan din ita kung paano magag tunay na mamamahayag. May on the spot interviews, actual coverage, field story hour, at hands on news

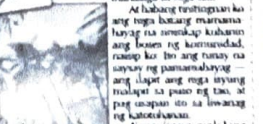
production tasks.

Ito ako sa mga namamahayag speaker. Itano ko ang News Writing at Mobile Journalism—kung paano gumagay ng balita gamit ang cellphone lang—paano magag magpapat sa imporma syon, at paano malayag ang kumwento ng mga taga lila.

At habang tinutugyan ko ang mga batang mamama tunay na umakap kahuman ang buwan ng kumwento, tanap ko. Ito ang tunay na sayaw ng panamahayag ang dapat ang mga itung malapit sa puso ng taga lila, at pag usapan ito sa lwanag ng katotohanan.

Kaya isaag malaking kaka sa management at organizing team ng Word Cup PH, sa mga puro tagapagat ang mga journalist na katin maulan, nungag sa aral at kumwento.

Ang sa akin lang—sa kabila ng ulan, isang mawaw na kumabahan ang tula nito—may bayag may malayang panamahayag at mung pangang handang makag.



DWSO nagloon ng hales P5.18 para sa feeding program ngayong Hunyo

Sumulan na ng Department of Social Welfare and Development (DWSO) ng ngayong buwan ng Hunyo ang supplemental feeding program para sa mga naka enroll sa child development centers na tatagal ng 120 araw.

Sa press briefing sa Malacañang, sinabi ni DWSO Secretary Rex Gatchalian na makikilalang dito ang 13 na kindergarten students at araw araw ay magkakaroon ng hot meals ang mga ito na nagkakalahaga ng P25 pesos mula sa dating kine pesos noong nakalipas na taon.

Bukod sa hot meals, makakatangay din ng fresh milk ang mga batang undernourished na nagkakalahaga ng P22.

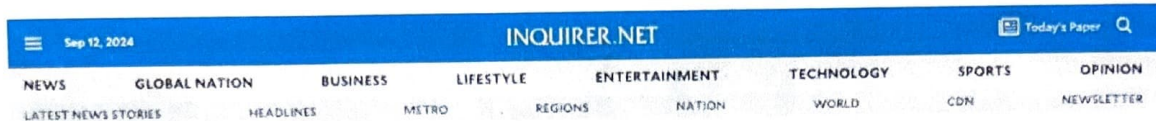
"This will ensure na tapat yong nutritional value na natatagay ng mga kabataan na maging kalakab nitong supplemental feeding program sa ating mga child development centers," ani Gatchalian.

Ang hot meals ng mga bata ay nakapagpasa sa "Pinagag Poon" ng National Nutrition Council at ang mga lokal government unit ang bibili sa mga magkaka, alin naitad sa alitunatin ng NNC kung ano ang dapat na ipakain sa mga bata.

Ang hot meals ay luluat sa community kitchen o central kitchen sa day care centers. (Aileen Talping)

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Uptrend in science museums investment to benefit DepEd learners

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Dr. Eugenio Sonny O. Calagit, executive director of Word Cup Associated Editors Co., welcomes some 250 campus journalists to the 21st Word Cup National Journalism Conference and Contests at Angeli Hill, Tagaytay

MANILA, Philippines—A young campus journalist struggled to free a rope trapped inside a one-meter tall, square-shaped metal device. A puzzle master quickly intervened, demonstrating how to navigate the tubular labyrinth.

This “rope puzzle” was among the many interactive exhibits that captivated the 250 campus journalists and school publication advisers attending the 21st Word Cup National Journalism Conference and Contests held in Tagaytay City on May 4-5.

May Pagsinohin, executive director of the Philippine Science and Technology Foundation (PSTF), explained that science museums like these are designed to pique children's curiosity and interest in science.

While the PSTF-operated Science Centrum in Marikina remains closed to the public despite the lifting of health restrictions, Pagsinohin acknowledges that investment in science museums in the Philippines falls short compared to ASEAN neighbors.

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Word Cup Associated Editors Co. Executive Director Eugenio Sarmiento Calapit welcomes participants to the 21st Word Cup National Journalism Conference and Contests at Angeles Hall, Taguig City, on May 4 and 5, 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 Hall in Taguig City on May 4 and 5, 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 Hemo" 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 Calapit, 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," Calapit, a former media professional with a doctorate and advanced degrees in education and management, added.

He added that the participants will submit their content 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 6 to May 11, 2024, at the Multi-Function Room, 5th Floor, Buenavista 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 discourse, 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 Nilo Divina delivered the keynote address on "Intellectual Property Law - Applicable to Ecclesiastical and Archival Record and Document." Prof. Regalado Tros Jose discussed "The Status Quo of the Catholic Church Heritage in the Philippines," and Commission on Cultural Heritage Executive Secretary Fr. Milan Ted Tostalba tackled "Archives and Canon Law."

Archdiocese of Manila Chancellor Fr. Indro Manny spoke on "The Interplay of the Work of Diocesan Chancellors, Parish Secretaries and Archivists," while NCCA National Committee on Archives head Emma Muñoz-Rey led the "Panel Discussion on Government Archives." Jacklyn Joyce 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 headed the discussion on Diocesan Archives.

Meanwhile, Sr. Wilma Bumangbang, OP from the St. Catherine of Siena Archives, Fr. Mervyn Lomague, 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 Felvir 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 Sagaya, 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 Librarianship 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 (AUST), and the Antonio Vivencio del Rosario UST Heritage Library, comprise the afternoon session.

Day 3 activities include lectures by the UST Perfect of Libraries Fr. Angel Aparicio regarding the Antonio Vivencio del Rosario UST Heritage Library, "Disaster Resilience and Post-Disaster Recovery for Cultural Heritage" by UST College of Tourism and Hospitality Management academic staff Karl Baroro, and "Sustainability in Conservation in the Philippine Setting" by Okada Manila records specialist Lulu del Mar.

A workshop on Archives management conducted by del Mar, Jocelyn Marcos and the AUST staff follows a Eucharistic Celebration with Fr. Harold Reatoña, OSA, 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 AUST Acting Archivist Fr. Gaspar Sagaya and SEAP Secretary Marcos will lead the "SEAP Moving Forward Workshop and Planning" session.

Concluding the four-day National Summit will be a co-celebrated Mass with Dumagete Bishop Julio Cortes as the main presider and homilist.

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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 Teody 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 Yusil, will speak about "Key Higher Education Trends and Issues to Know."

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

— Graduates: Employability and Capabilities" 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 Jasmine Panagu will talk on "Assessing Outcomes: Skills and Competencies and Providing Feedback" and Philippine Normal University professor Idelice Teban will speak on "Empowering Leaders and Faculty Toward 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 DYAN M. BACOT

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 advancement 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 2015 United Nations report concluded that the world's oceans and ice sheets are under duress 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 year 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 in 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

'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.'

"Effectively flood cities around the world."

The excesses 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 as 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 Sealbil Pabito 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?

Just 18, is a DENRST student at the Colegio de la Inmaculada Concepcion in Marikina, Cebu

EDITOR'S NOTE

During the 10th Word Cup held in Subic, campus journalists and school paper editors all over the country converged to learn about journalism and broadcasting, and to listen to experts on various topics such as mental health and climate change. After the talk, participants were prompted to follow an article on their reaction on climate change. Here are four of the best ones. — Johannes I. Chua

No one is spared

By JONATHAN H. ENRIQUETA

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 effects on combating climate change on a global scale.

A lot of people say they are aware about climate change, but sadly most of them actually only know little about it.

With overwhelming scientific evidence, reports, and data revealing extreme weather, record-breaking temperatures, melting glaciers, and rising sea levels, it is not surprising that the world is now. Well, perhaps not anymore especially in the case of the Philippines.

According to Sealbil Pabito 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 green house gas emission 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 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, non-biodegradable wastes and global temperatures. The argument now must be beyond the portals of forests burning, coral reefs 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.

Enriqueta has 10 years of experience in advising school papers. He is currently teaching at Karamol National Comprehensive High School



Take the first step

By RJ 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 is 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 21 books, Dr. Crispin Maslog, shared his insights and expertise on climate change.

Maslog 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," Maslog 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 perpetuate the root cause of all of them.

Words are empty if not coupled with the right actions.

As Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "This 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. This the first step.

Lansang is a school paper adviser of Columbian College (Barretto campus) in Zamboanga



Write about climate change

Dr. Crispin C. Maslog, author and columnist at EcoDebate, speaks 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 10th Word Cup in Subic. (Photo by Jeffrey A. Dominguez)

No classes, yehey?

By RIVELLE H. VILLAROSA

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 Cavite have only attended their classes once, since their Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday classes have been suspended due to inclement weather brought about by Typhoon Kumba.

Meanwhile, posts on social media seem to show how most students are in favor of these suspensions. A little more 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. Crispin Maslog, 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 Sealbil Pabito from the Climate Change Commission, who underscored Maslog'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 Pabito.

Pabito lamented that local government officials are sometimes caught off 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 Maslog. 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 Maslog. 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.

Villarosa, 28, is a communication arts student from Legazpi of the Philippines-Cavite



Learn what PH is doing vs. climate change

Participants of the 10th Word Cup interview Sealbil Pabito (seated) of the Climate Change Commission to clarify how the Philippines which contributes a meager 0.12 percent compared to China's 24 percent and the US's 18 percent of greenhouse gas emissions can reduce it further by more than half without sacrificing industrial growth. Countries are racing against 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 one meter due to the unrelated melting of polar ice. (Photo by Eugene Amato from C. College III of Marikina Science High School)



Text by PATRICK ROBERT B. BATAGO

Within the busy concrete jungle that is Metro Manila, one would not expect to find a haven for migratory birds. This area is called the Las Pilas-Panaguan Critical Habitat and Ecotourism Area (LPPCEA), a protected highly urbanized place that still spurs some space for environmental causes.

Finding itself by being listed in the Ramsar "List of International Importance," the 175-hectare LPPCEA is home to more than 3,000 migratory birds which consider the latter as a rest stop from tedious migration over the months of August to July.

Even 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, the 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 36-hectare mangrove



Reservoir Estero, 59, a tributary in LPPCEA 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 as low using their nets. (Photo by Jimmy A. Dominguez)



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?

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A DSWD worker, one of 40 personnel assigned at the LPPCEA, 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 Ivan Hugo Baltazar of Itay Inc., Zamboanga City) Left: On average, since the Manila Bay Rehabilitation which kicked off in June, these workers and volunteers collect at least 10 sacks of trash weighing 6 to 7 kilograms when dry. (Photo by Sea Herby L. Engano from V. Mapa High School, Manila)

um with the fear 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 is collateral to the surge of urbanization is justifiable.

But on the other side of the coin, if we get rid of our quality towards nature conservation, LPPCEA 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 Chulalongkorn National High School in Negros Oriental)

GREEN IS IN!

Eco responsibility

Toyota Motor Philippines Corporation (TMP) joined the Global Toyota Environment Month through a series of activities that raise awareness on environmental conservation. TMP team members and representatives from the Toyota Suppliers Club (TSC) planted 300 trees inside the 11-hectare Toyota Forest at the Toyota Special Economic Zone in Santa Rosa, Laguna. Toyota volunteers also participated in the river clean-up along the Siliang Santa Rosa River near the company's vicinity (in photo). By cleaning up the river, TMP hopes to prevent further pollution and improve the waterways. The Siliang 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 "Buhay" 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.

Buhay is the first corporate-led forest restoration program that has been bridging forest gaps and bringing back to abundance 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 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 Buhay 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 2017, EDC finished locating, collecting these hardwood species and began propagating them in 2018 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 Volcan, Negros Oriental and in Antipolo, Metro Manila.

Moreover, around 9,353 hectares of forest land within and surrounding EDC project sites has been rehabilitated. This is equivalent to about 4.4 million

seedlings planted all over the country in partnership with 159 farmers associations whose members are incentivized for helping EDC grow and maintain its Buhay areas.

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

Another good example of successful strategic partnership 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 2013 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 4.2 million trees with the help of its 136 stakeholder partners.

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July 22, 2025

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 34 P s. 2025

PARTICIPATION TO THE 26th WORD CUP PHILIPPINES- NATIONAL JOURNALISM CONFERENCE AND CONTEST

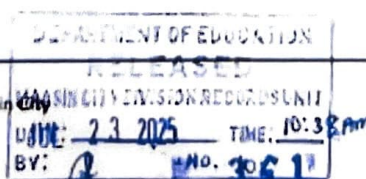
To: Chief, CID/SGOD
Public Schools Cluster Heads
Public Secondary School Heads
Campus Journalism Coordinators and Advocates
All Others Concerned

1. In reference to the invitation from the Word Cup Philippines, this Office, through the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID) announces to the field on the participation of the 26th Word Cup Philippines-National Journalism Conference and Contest on August 29-31, 2025, at the Tagaytay City.
2. In this regard, all schools are encouraged to send at least 1 teacher campus journalism adviser or campus journalism advocate to represent and participate the activity.
3. Participation to this activity shall observe the following conditions:
 - No disruption of classes or compromise school operations.
 - Participants are expected to share key learnings during school-based learning action cells (LAC) or similar professional development platforms.
3. Enclosed in this Memorandum the invitation letter and indicative matrix of the said activity for reference and the details of the activity.
4. Participation Fee and Travelling expenses of the participants are chargeable to the local funds/MOOE subject to COA auditing rules and procedures.
5. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are earnestly desired.


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April 22, 2024

**21st WORD CUP NATIONAL JOURNALISM CONFERENCE
AND AMBASSADORS AWARDS**

The 21st Word Cup National Journalism Conference aims to enhance the writing and photography skills of teachers and students, recognize exemplary work, and get quality outputs published in national media.

The actual seminar will be on May 4-5, 2024 (exclusive of travel time) at Angel's Hills, Tagaytay City. Contests are open to elementary, junior, and senior high school, college students, and school paper advisers.

School Paper Advisers who shall opt to participate shall ensure that no classes will be disrupted in compliance with DO. 34,s.2023.

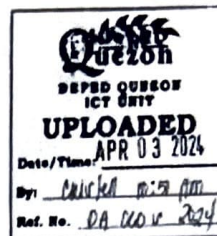
Other details of this activity are attached for reference.

For more details, contact **Eugenio Sonny O. Calapit, Ed.D.,EnP** through wordcup.philippines@gmail.com or contact at 09682973049.

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INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN 21ST WORD CUP NATIONAL JOURNALISM CONFERENCE AND AMBASSADORS AWARD

The Word Cup Edcalibre International Co. invites interested elementary, junior, and senior high school students of DepEd Quezon to participate on its 21st Word Cup National Journalism Conference and Ambassadors Award to be held in Tagaytay City on May 4-5, 2024.

Attached are the contest mechanics, matrix of activities, activity objectives, and details of registration and reservation.

Attendance to this event is subject for compliance to DepEd Order No. 22 s. 2023 titled Implementing Guidelines on the School Calendar and Activities for the School Year 2023-2024 and DO 9 s 2005 titled Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance therewith.

For further details, questions, and reservation, please contact EUGENIO SONNY O. CALAPIT through email edcalibre.intl@gmail.com or mobile numbers 09159607268.



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