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SIHAY NATIONAL BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD (NBO) 2024

Attached is letter from the University of the Philippines Cell Biological Society,
dated January 15, 2024, announcing the conduct of the SIHAY NBO 2024 on April
13 – 14, 2024 at a venue to be announced on a later date.

The target participants are secondary school teachers and learners from both
public and private schools.

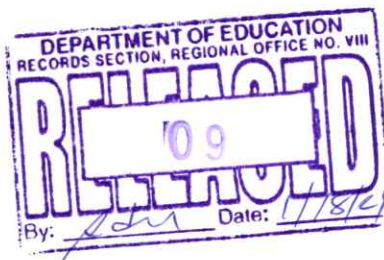
Participation of both public and private schools shall be subject to the *no-
disruption-of-classes policy* stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005 titled *Instituting
Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*.

See the attached letter for more information.

Considering that this is an Advisory, Schools Division Superintendents are
given the discretion to act on this matter.


EVELYN R. FETALVERO CESO IV
Regional Director

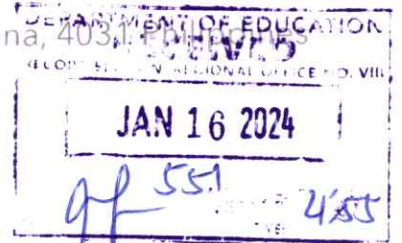
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U.P. Cell Biological Society

Institute of Biological Sciences
University of the Philippines Los Baños, Laguna, 4031



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January 15, 2024

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President

MR./MS./MRS. EVELYN R. FETALVERO
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AIVAN ROI O. CAMILO
Vice President

Dear Mr./Ms./Mrs. FETALVERO:

JULIUS JOAQUIN M. RAFAEL
Secretary

Greetings of wisdom through science!

QUINTIN KARL O. CUETO
Treasurer

The **UP Cell Biological Society (UP Cells)** is the largest student-led academic organization in the **Institute of Biological Sciences, University of the Philippines Los Baños**. The UP Cells is recognized by the National Youth Commission, Office of Student Affairs-UPLB, and the Provincial Development Affairs Office of Laguna as an organization that promotes awareness and enthusiasm for Cell Biology among students and community members. In addition, the organization is an affiliate of the association, Biology Majors Alliance of the Philippines, which unites more than 4000 biology majors across the country.

MICHAEL ANGELO C. TOLENTINO
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Following the success of SIHAY NBO, the organization will be conducting **SIHAY 2024** for its 26th year. "**Radiant Revelation: Beaming into Biotechnology through Biophotonics**" is set to transform from the virtual realm to an on-ground event, providing an immersive experience for participants and enthusiasts alike.

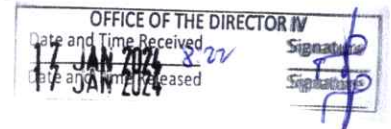
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In the face of the ongoing pandemic, SIHAY NBO 2024 will stand as a beacon of resilience and commitment to fostering a deeper appreciation of Biology. This nationwide event is scheduled to transpire over **two (2) action-packed days**, offering a diverse array of activities aimed at stimulating and enthralling students in the captivating world of Biology. It will consist of activities like **bio-techniques, on-the-spot poster making contest, amazing race, science feature writing contest, junior life sciences research olympiad, impromptu speaking, and national biology quiz competition** to stimulate and enthrall students in Biology.

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In light of this, the UP Cell Biological Society would like to humbly ask your office to endorse SIHAY NBO 2024, which will take place from **April 13 - 14, 2024**. An endorsement would greatly boost our event to have better attendance. Attached herewith is the primer that contains a thorough description of the event and the organization's profile for your perusal.

We look forward to your positive response in endorsing SIHAY 2024. For further inquiries, we may be contacted through **Mr. Andrey Emmanuel D. Morales** at **09298288871** or through email at **sihaynbo@gmail.com**.

Thank you very much!

Respectfully yours,

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Educational Committee Head

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ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

The **UP Cell Biological Society (UP CELLS)** is an academic organization based at the Institute of Biological Sciences, University of the Philippines Los Baños. For the past 33 years, it has been continuously aiming to stimulate awareness and enthusiasm in Cell Biology. Besides its academic aspirations, the society aims to reach out to fellow students, organizations, and serve the community.

Founded on August 9, 1990, UP Cells is currently the largest among the student organizations in the Institute of Biological Sciences and has received numerous honors for its noble principles and hard work. True to its mission and vision, the organization promises to bring Biology to a higher level through academic excellence and continuous innovation.




Beyond achieving academic excellence, UP Cells also offers a helping hand to the people through its major community service activities such as Panuluyan, a yearly visit to different caring shelters for underprivileged children, as well as the annual Medical and Surgical Missions to provide primarily medical services to underserved communities.

To focus on bringing biology to greater heights, the organization conducts **CELLpukan ng Talino at Galing**, a university-wide Biology quiz contest, and the annual **SIHAY National Biology Olympiad**, the organization's flagship activity and the biggest inter-high school biology competition that provides both students and teachers from various junior and senior high schools in the country with comprehensive biology-related workshops and activities. These also aim to promote significant transformation in society through working with passion in reaching its goals.

For the years to come, UP Cells shall pursue its ideals with passion and virtue, enlightening the minds and hearts of its affiliates and entrants through Biology, all for the Filipino and the youth community.



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